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FRANCE AWAITS HITLER'S TERMS

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BORDEAUX, TO-DAY.

THE FRENCH RADIO ANNOUNCES THAT THE GERMAN REPLY TO THE FRENCH REQUEST FOR AN ARMISTICE HAS NOT YET ARRIVED AND FIGHTING IS CONTINUING.

An order of the day signed by Marshal Petain and General Weygand states that the French are continuing to fight.

Unofficial reports from both Italian and German sources hint that the Dictators at Munich agreed to demand simultaneous Anglo-French capitulation, with dire threats of the consequences of persistence in British stubbornness.

The Ministerial Council under President Albert Lebrun met last evening following a meeting of the Cabinet under Marshal Petain. When the Cabinet session adjourned no reply had been received from Germany.

It is understood the Ministers concentrated on measures to meet the refugee and food problems. General Bernard, Quartermaster-General of the Army, was appointed Food Commissioner acting under the Ministers of War and Supply.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Italian quarters yesterday afternoon indicated that the Hitler-Mussolini conference at Munich may produce peace proposals to apply to Britain as well as France, the former being threatened with "military extinction" if she does not accept.

Italo-German military operations, say these circles, will continue "against both Britain and France until satisfactory conditions for the cessation of hostilities are obtained."

Enlarging on this, Rome circles declare that Britain and France have been acting in the closest co-operation and have been looked on as a single military organisation. If London refuses to accept the peace conditions, the war "will be continued with relentless fury against Britain."—Havas.

War On Civilians

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Australian radio quotes Rome reports that Hitler and Mussolini will dictate peace terms only to Britain and France together, and not to France alone.

In a broadcast picked up by the Columbia Broadcasting Station in New York it was reported that should Britain not be willing to accept the proposal, Germany and Italy would bombard the civilian population until Britain capitulates.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—South-east or variable winds, light to moderate rain.

No Bargaining, Says Berlin

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

German official circles state that, whatever Hitler's peace terms to France are, France must accept or reject them immediately, with no bargaining.

These same circles are indignant over the broadcast by M. Baudoin, new Foreign Minister, in which he said that France would continue to fight unless she gets the sort of peace she wants. This, say German official circles, shows a discrepancy with Marshal Petain's attitude in approaching Germany, "as one soldier to another," to ask for peace.—Havas.

Papal Nuncio As Intermediary

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The French radio announces that the Papal Nuncio to France will act as intermediary in Franco-Italian peace negotiations.—Havas.

French Decision

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bordeaux, To-day.

The French radio, stating that word was still being awaited from the dictators about the terms of peace, announced:—

"We shall soon know our position. In the meantime, we must wait, broken-hearted but with calm and coolness. France will never accept dishonourable conditions."—Havas.

WASHINGTON PUTS AN END TO A CANARD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The White House flatly denies an Italian report that Britain has asked the United States to intervene with the Axis Powers for honourable peace terms.

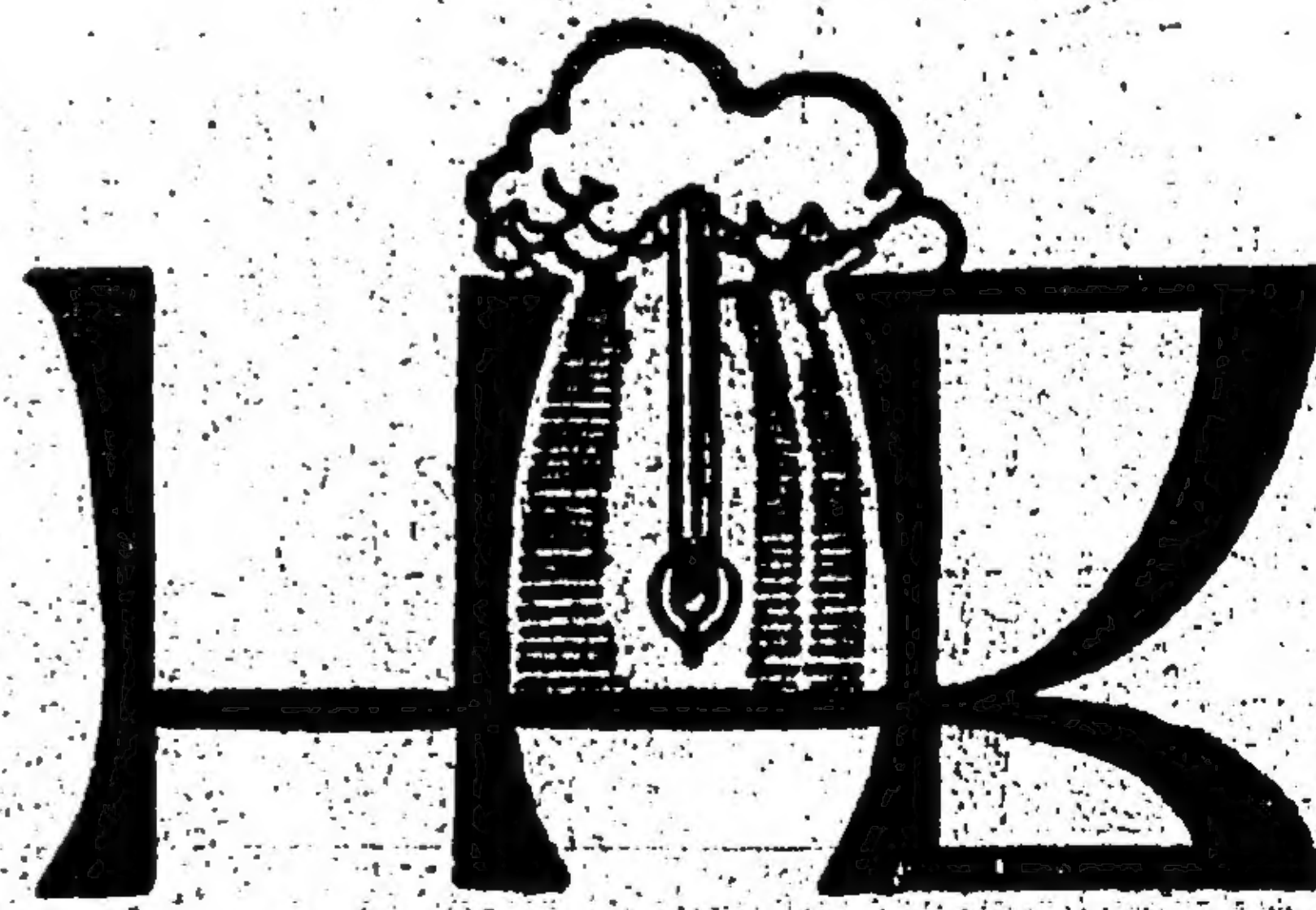
The report was carried by the Italian newspaper "Corriere della Sera," of Milan, and, purporting to come from its Washington correspondent, alleged that the British Government has requested President Roosevelt "to intercede with Rome and Berlin to get honourable conditions for peace."

The United States Embassy in Rome promptly said that it was totally without any information on this report.

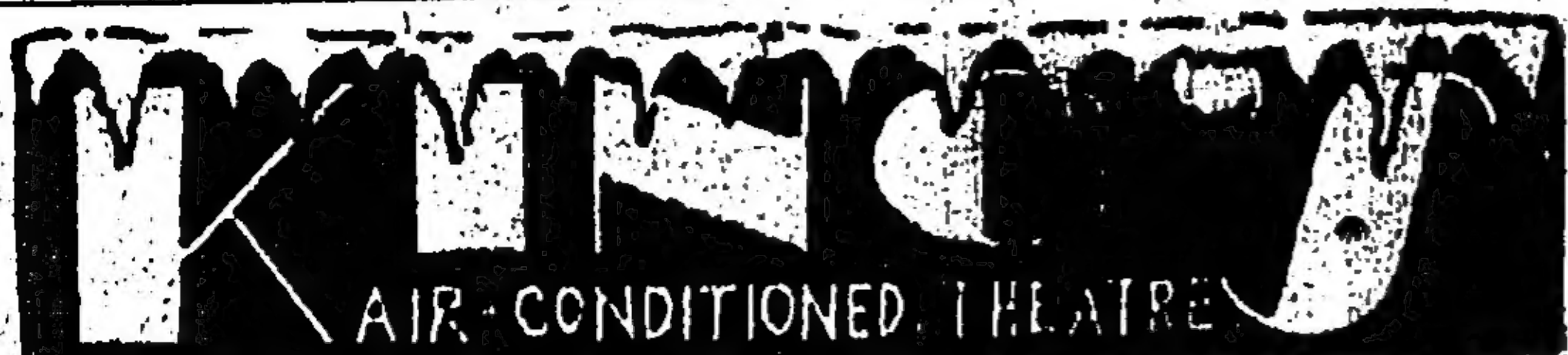
Later, issuing the White House denial, Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary, said:—

"This is just another of an innumerable number of erroneous Italian reports."—Havas.

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CHANCELLOR INVITES LOANS FREE OF INTEREST

London, To-day.

A COMMONS QUESTION PUT to the Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday whether he would consider the raising of a public loan free of interest for war purposes evoked the reply that he Government had already received such money from many public-minded citizens and institutions.

Many people had indicated their anxiety to show their patriotism in this way and he therefore now appealed to any person or company willing to advance money to the country without interest for the term of the war to send it to him.

A certificate would be issued entitling the donor to receive repayment three months after conclusion of the peace treaty.

An alternative procedure, particularly for those wishing to lend under £100, would be to make a Post Office savings bank deposit with instructions to surrender the interest to the Treasury.

He invited persons and companies willing to make loans for a lesser period than specified above to communicate with the Treasury.—Reuter.

ELECTRIC 'PLANE ENGINE

Experiments with an electric aeroplane engine at the Montreal Aircraft Industry are stated by test pilot J. A. D. McCurdy to be "very promising."

This power plant, which consists of a 1,200 h.p. motor and battery, the invention of a Toronto electrical engineer, is expected to give a new type of aeroplane a speed of 300 m.p.h. and a flight duration, without recharging, of three hours.

BROADCAST BY PREMIER

London, To-day.

The substance of Mr. Winston Churchill's statement in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon was given to the people of Britain and many parts of the world last night in a broadcast by the Prime Minister.

Mr. Churchill said we have in this island to-day a large and powerful military force, including all of our best trained and finest troops, numbering among them scores of thousands of those who have already measured their qualities against the Germans and found themselves at no disadvantage.

The remainder of the broadcast was practically identical with Mr. Churchill's Commons statement.—Reuter.

CIVILIAN LOSSES IN DUNKIRK EPIC

London, To-day.

A total of 125 civilians were killed and 81 wounded in aiding the Royal Navy remove the B.E.F. and French army from Dunkirk, regretfully announced the Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty in the Commons yesterday.

Four of the killed and two of the wounded were civilian volunteers and the rest were men of the Merchant Navy.

He once again expressed the Navy's and the Admiralty's profound admiration for these men's spirit and courage.—Reuter.

INCREASING SIZE OF ARMY

London, To-day.

The difficulties of the hour have only stiffened the determination of Britain and the Empire to fight on and gather full strength in men and arms.

Mr. Eden, Secretary of State for War, in the House of Commons yesterday, said that with this in view the calling up of men for the fighting services has been greatly accelerated and in the last five weeks more men have been called up than during the first four months of the year.—Reuter.

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FIFTEEN MONTHS' SENTENCE FOR SEDITIOUS INTENT

FOUND GUILTY ON ALL CHARGES, Chanan Singh was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment by the Chief Justice at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

He was charged with (a) making preparations to do an act with seditious intention, (b) possession of a seditious publication (c) possession of an article with a view to making an endeavour to influence public opinion in a manner likely to be prejudicial to defence and (d) possession of a document inciting to disaffection.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, assistant Crown Counsel, assisted by Sergeant Fowle, was for the Crown, and the jury was composed of Messrs. A. A. Pereira (foreman), J. H. Simmonds, B. Chen, G. A. Gutterres, Ling Ping-pun, Cheung Chik-kwan and Fung Ching-yau.

Mr. Murphy said that the four counts all concerned the same facts.

Accused at the time of the acts alleged was a police officer. On June 1, at about 10.25 a.m., he was seen to go aboard the Fatshan at its Wharf at Connaught Road Central and stay there for about 10 minutes. He was seen to come ashore with a bundle of papers. He was followed by a police sergeant in plain clothes and when near Rumsey Street was approached by the Sergeant who told him who he was. This sergeant had seen the accused go on the wharf and on the steamer. There was a struggle and accused threw away the parcel he had had in his hand. A police constable also on plain clothes duty rendered assistance. The parcel was found to contain 86 pamphlets of a seditious nature. The Crown contended that accused must be assumed to have intended to distribute the documents. Mr. Murphy then went on to define a seditious publication as being of such a seditious nature as to cause discontent and dissatisfaction among His Majesty's forces or inhabitants of the Colony.

Plot Alleged

The Crown alleged that accused had possession of these documents, which were of such a nature that if distributed they would cause discontent among his Majesty's forces and that accused intended to distribute them.

Accused denied that he ever went on board, ever had the papers in his hands and alleged that the charges were the result of a plot. He relied on the fact that he left Central Po-

lice Station at 10.15 a.m. and argued that he could not have been on board as alleged.

The crown relied on the evidence of the two Chinese Police officers and of Senior Revenue officer Grimmitt and submitted that proof of guilty knowledge was shown by the struggle with the police officers, his attempt to get rid of them and by his statement to the Police when asked to explain the papers. His reply was that he had nothing to say and anything he had to say would be said in the Police Court.

Concluding Mr. Murphy asked the jury to appreciate the dangers of violent anti-British propaganda particularly at the present time.

Lai Kwong, Chinese Police Sergeant, said that he was on duty at the Canton Wharf on June 1. He saw defendant in uniform board the Fatshan.

Events followed as described by Crown Counsel.

Cross-examined by accused, witness said that he did not see accused talk to anybody on the ship. He had been instructed to arrest accused if he carried a parcel. He did not arrest accused before, on instructions.

Intervention

S.R.O. Grimmitt said that at about 10.30 a.m. he was in Connaught Road central. He heard police whistles and saw an Indian constable struggling with two Chinese. He thought the constable was in trouble. He saw accused throw away a parcel. He also saw a police constable go to pick it up. He rushed at the police constable who was in plain clothes. He noticed a revolver and applied a stanglehold on the man and brought him back to the Indian constable. Here he was told by accused that he was not trying to arrest the men but that they were arresting him. Accused was very excited and his turban was on the ground. Grimmitt took them to the Revenue department shed where he phoned for the Police.

In evidence, Chanan Singh said that on June 1 at 10.10 a.m. he was in the charge room. He had applied for station leave, and did not leave

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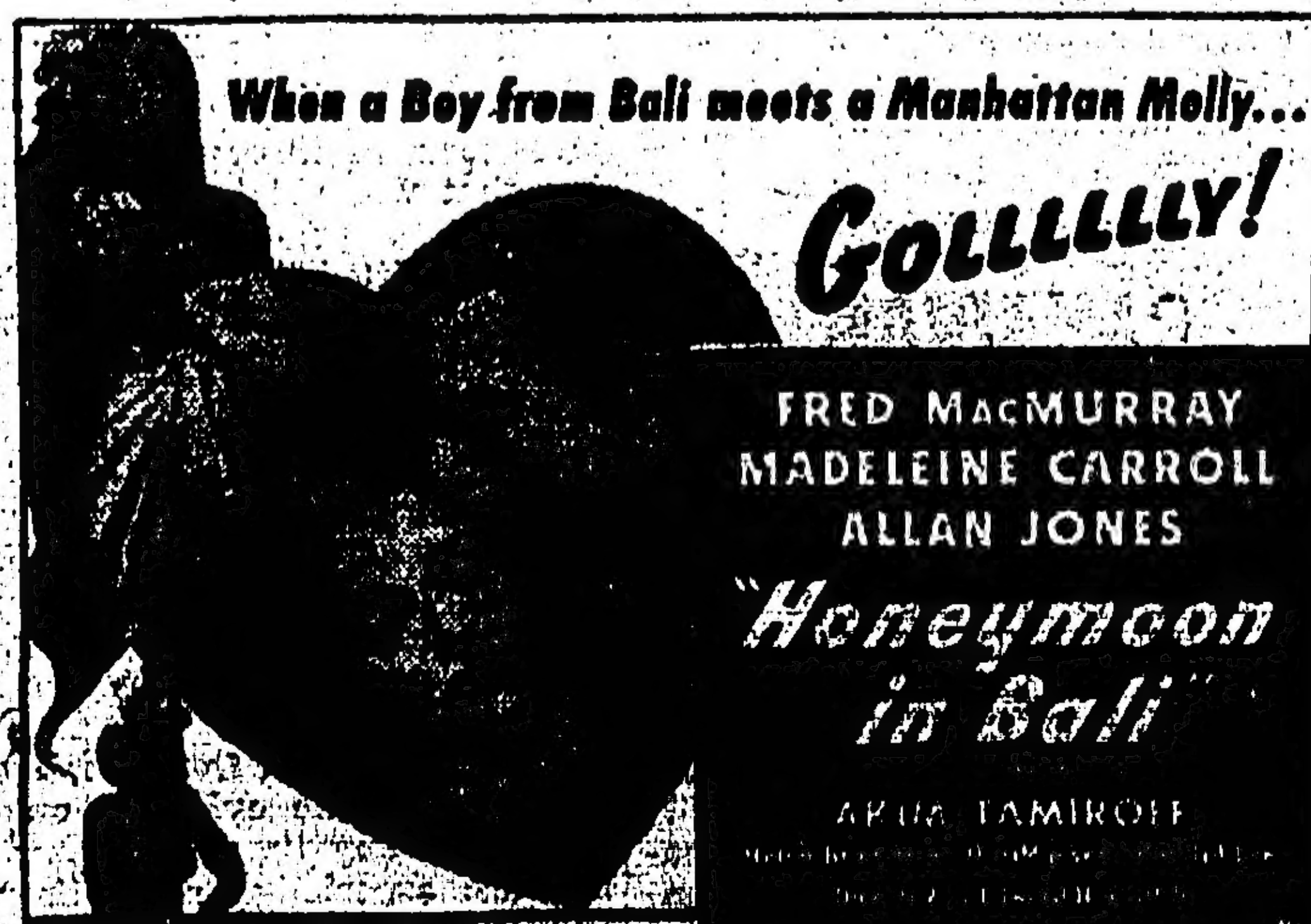
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PREPARATION TO MEET INVASION

London, To-day.

Preparations to meet the threatened invasion of Britain are well under way and the military authorities point out the important part which will be played by civilians when and if the threat materialises.

The handicapping effect of refugees on the defending forces and the great assistance afforded the enemy by the consequent disorganisation have been amply demonstrated in all countries which have been subjected to Nazi invasion.

Instructions have been issued to householders advising the civilian population how best to assist the armed forces in their duty of repelling the invaders. It is emphasised these instructions are as important as orders to soldiers.—British Wireless.

SOUTH AFRICA'S ASSURANCE

JOHANNESBURG, TO-DAY. GENERAL SMUTS, THE PREMIER, IN A BROADCAST YESTERDAY, REAFFIRMED SOUTH AFRICA'S DECISION TO JOIN THE OTHER DOMINIONS AND STAND BEHIND BRITAIN.

He added: "A heavy burden will be cast upon the Commonwealth for the defence of North Africa and the Middle East."

"South Africa will not hesitate to redouble her war effort by the utmost demand upon her manpower and will wage the war to the very end."—Reuter.

THEFT FROM TWO YOUNG WOMEN

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed on Hon. Chun-fung, 28, by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, for stealing gold rings and earrings, from Yip Yuk-lin, and a ring from Lam Fa, 19, both young married women.

The jewellery was entrusted to defendant, he pawned it and spent the money.

FAILED TO REGISTER

Babram Harkishindas Daswani, of No. 91, Caine Road was fined \$50 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, when summoned for failing to register according to the Registration of Persons Ordinance.

Det-Sergt. J. Hill said defendant arrived in the Colony from Singapore on March 3, and did not report until a few days ago.

CHEQUE PICKED UP

A cheque for \$45,000 in National Currency, issued by the Shanghai branch of the Bank of Canton, payable to Chan Chi-sin, of No. 1, Szechuen Road, Shanghai, was picked up in Butte Street on Monday afternoon and handed to the Police in Kowloon.

Another Great Blaze Started At Hamburg

London, To-day.

DETAILS OF R.A.F. BOMBER raids on north-west Germany on Monday night are given in an Air Ministry bulletin which says military objectives were attacked at Geilenkirchen, Homebuge, Wanne, Eickel, Essen, Dollbergen, Hamburg, Aachen, Duisberg, Rheydt, Cologne and Coblenz.

Strong forces of aircraft made a series of attacks on the oil storage centres at Geilenkirchen, Homebuge, Wanne and Eickel and many fires were started at the Homebuge oil tanks, culminating in a great conflagration.

SPITFIRES GO INTO ACTION

London, To-day.

An Air Ministry bulletin states that on Monday evening three Spitfires met three Junkers 88 dive bombers between Boulogne and Le Touquet.

Each Spitfire took one Junkers. One enemy was seen to crash into the sea, another dived into a cloud with flame pouring from its starboard motor and the rear guns of the third were silenced before the Spitfire pilot made his final attack.

On the way home from northern France in the morning, an R.A.F. Blenheim fighter saw a Heinkel seaplane below him.

He dived 9,000 feet to the attack and after a few miles chase shot down the Heinkel in flames.—Reuter.

GERMAN STAFF-WORK IN DUBLIN?

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary for the Dominions stated in the Commons yesterday he understood the official staff of the German Legation in Dublin consisted of six persons and three typists.

Mr. J. H. Stewart (Lib. Nat.) asked if the unofficial staff numbers hundreds. The Under-Secretary suggested the question should be raised again as it was difficult to get information.—Reuter.

GERMAN PLANES DROP BOMBS IN ESSEX

London, To-day.

A number of planes, believed to be German, were heard over Essex last night.

Searchlights and anti-aircraft guns were in action. Some bombs were dropped.—Reuter.

Two fuel installations at Geilenkirchen were repeatedly hit, oil tanks set alight, buildings, railway lines and a junction demolished. Fires were started at Wanne and Eickel.

Large oil storage plants at Dollbergen and Hamburg were also attacked. Flames of the fire started at Dollbergen were visible 35 miles away and a great blaze was also started at Hamburg, where one of the largest oil storage plants in north-west Germany was hit and a particularly violent explosion occurred.

Other formations of night raiders attacked marshalling yards and busy railway junctions from Hamm, in the north, to Aachen, in the west, and along the Rhine from Duisberg to Coblenz.

Fires At Duisberg

A big fire was started in the middle of the crowded marshalling yard at Hamm.

Goodsyards at Aachen, Rheydt and Cologne were repeatedly hit and at Coblenz and Essen the main line tracks as well as marshalling yards were hit.

A series of fires was caused in the centre of the main marshalling yards at Duisberg.

Three aerodromes in Germany where night-flying was progressing were also bombed.

Large fires were started among the aerodrome buildings near Barmen.

Hangars and buildings at Schiphol aerodrome in Amsterdam were hit and an enemy aircraft machinegunned and sent headlong to the ground.

Two of our aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

CANADIAN DETERMINATION

OTTAWA, TO-DAY.

A CROWDED HOUSE OF COMMONS APPLAUDED MR. MACKENZIE KING'S DECLARATION THAT THE BRITISH DECISION TO CONTINUE THE WAR WAS ALSO THE DECISION OF CANADA.

The national registration of Canadian manpower would be made immediately and a Department of National Service under a Minister would be installed to direct the mobilisation of individuals and groups for war service.—Reuter.

QUESTION OF TEMPO

The Hon. Mr. Lo Man-kam, in Legislative Council to-morrow will ask the following questions:—

With reference to the Regulations relating to Schools published in the Gazette of 1st September, 1939:

(1) Will Government state whether all Government Schools, and particularly Queen's College, Wanchai School and Sai Ying Pun School, conform to the standards and requirements prescribed by the said Regulations?

(2) If the answer is in the negative—

(a) Will Government indicate the nature of the defects and/or the deficiencies as judged by the standards and requirements of the said Regulations, and

(b) Will Government state whether it is the intention of Government to enforce the said Regulations against private schools when Government Schools fall short of the standards and requirements prescribed by the said Regulations?

FIFTEEN MONTHS' SENTENCE FOR SEDITIOUS INTENT

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until 10.15 a.m. He went to the Central Market to purchase chicken but found none suitable and proceeded to Connaught Road where he intended to go to the Western market. Near the Harbour Office, a Chinese caught hold of him from behind and said that he was a detective and was going to arrest him, accused.

Another Chinese arrived with a parcel in his hand. He also caught hold of him. Police whistles were blown and Mr. Grimmitt came up. He told Mr. Grimmitt to take them to a store or shed as he did not like to be searched in public.

Continuing, accused said that the case was a false charge made up against him. This was the fourth complaint against him. He did not know who made the accusation against him. He had been transferred several times and told by Mr. Major that there was nothing against him. On May 25, his belongings were searched but nothing incriminating was found.

In reply to Mr. Murphy, accused denied that there had been a struggle. He had never been on the wharf or on the ship and the evidence of the police constable was perjury. He never had the parcel in his hand. He had heard Mr. Grimmitt say that he was seen to throw the parcel away but that was not true. Mr. Grimmitt was also a perjurer.

He admitted that none of the three had anything against him as far as he knew.

Jury's Verdict

Without retiring, the jury returned a verdict of Guilty on all charges.

Chief Justice: "Why did you take part in this abominable thing?"

"I do not wish to say anything, I was not there."

"You have been found guilty on the clearest possible evidence on charges which, at any time, are very serious but are especially so to-day in the position the Empire finds itself."

Fortunately you were caught before you had a chance to pass them on to others. The smallest sentence I can pass on you is 15 months."

BRITISH A.R.P. READY IF THE NAZI BOMBERS COME CALM, CONFIDENT ACTIVITY

THERE IS HEARTENING news from Air-Raid Precaution organisations all over the country. New war developments brought no panic, but revealed a calm and confident activity.

Everywhere a general review of existing A.R.P. machinery and A.R.P. rehearsals showed a high degree of efficiency, and calls for additional volunteers met with a ready response.

The key note was sounded by Mr. Herbert Morrison, who remained at his post at County Hall, organising and supervising London's preparations for meeting any eventuality.

"Our A.R.P. organisation is in good trim and quite ready," said Mr. Morrison. "I have reviewed the whole organisation. There have been vast improvements since the war broke out. The one thing we still need is more voluntary workers for evacuation."

In connection with this need, a special appeal is being issued by the London County Council. Preparations have, of course, been made for the removal to the country of school children whose parents wish them to go away if inland air raids lead the Government to order further evacuation. Chief need is for a generous supply of responsible adults to act as escorts to the children.

These volunteers are urgently required. Their expenses will be paid by the Government.

The L.C.C. would also welcome offers of help from volunteer drivers with their own cars or motor cycles, who are needed mainly for liaison work in London during the days taken up by the evacuation scheme. A mileage rate will be paid to cover expenses.

The third type of volunteer needed for this work are women willing to give help of various kinds to the billeting authorities in reception areas. Those with experience of a domestic nature, or with knowledge of nursing or social work, are particularly sought.

BIRMINGHAM

Quiet assurance prevails in Birmingham as the city's A.R.P. services go ahead with increased tempo.

Mr. Victor Hamilton, A.R.P. officer, has emphasised the necessity of making use of Anderson shelters which have been provided, and urges owners to put shelters which have not yet been erected.

"Birmingham is ready," Councillor Norman Tiptaft, chairman of Birmingham A.R.P. Committee, said. "There was some shortage of voluntary drivers and first aid parties, but with the renewal of the crisis previous volunteers are flocking back to the depots."

NOTTINGHAM

The Lord Mayor of Nottingham, speaking at a public lunch, said that Nottingham had the finest A.R.P. service and police in the country. "Captain Popkiss (the Chief Constable), who is our A.R.P. chief, has put in a lot of strenuous work."

There are some 15,000 to 20,000 personnel in the A.R.P. service, including paid staff, voluntary workers and Corporation employees available when the alarm is sounded. There are 30,163 public A.R.P. shelters and 130,520 private shelters. The population of the city is about 280,000.

The City Council estimates that it will spend another £106,578 in the coming year, equal to a 1s. 1d. rate, but the rate is to remain the same, 15s. 8d., by the exercise of economy in other municipal undertakings.

There is an elaborate system of alarms, including sirens, steam whistles and factory hooters. In places pylons have been erected for hooters.

Tests have shown that no one except deaf people will be unable to hear an alarm.

GREAT YARMOUTH

At Great Yarmouth orders for A.R.P. workers to "stand by," as a precautionary measure following the new developments, came in the middle of a controversy for cuts in the personnel.

An announcement just beforehand by the Town Clerk, Mr. Farrar Conway, who is controller of A.R.P. services, that a further reduction was called for by an official circular has led to strong criticism from Labour members of the Council.

Councillor E. Evans expressed to the Council the concern felt at any additional cuts, and has pointed out that the economic side must also be considered, as dismissed people might have to go on public funds.

ENEMY BOMBERS SHOT DOWN

London, To-day. The Air Ministry announces that on Monday night R.A.F. fighters shot down two enemy bombers over the north-east coast of France.—Reuter.

COMPULSORY SERVICE IN CANADA

Ottawa, To-day. A Bill authorising the mobilisation of all the human and material resources of Canada for the prosecution of the war is to be introduced in Parliament, announced the Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, in the Commons yesterday.

Compulsory service will apply only to service in Canada. Recruiting for service overseas will continue voluntarily.—Reuter.

ANOTHER U.S. NAVY BOOST

Washington, To-day. Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, has unexpectedly recommended to Congress a £1,000,000,000 programme for expansion of the United States Fleet, making it the greatest the world has ever seen. Admiral Stark said the proposed programme would add about 200 warships to the Navy, raising the authorised tonnage by 1,250,000 tons.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA TO TAKE WAR ORPHANS

Sydney, To-day. An offer of help of a different kind has come from Australia. The Commonwealth's Minister of Interior announces that plans for settling British war orphans there have been completed. Australia is willing to take more than the 5,000 she was originally prepared to take.—Reuter.

FRENCH REFUGEES HALTED

London, To-day. A halt was called to the tragic progress of French refugees southward by M. Pomaret, Minister of Interior, in a broadcast from Bordeaux last night.

In the name of the Government he ordered all civilians to remain where they are and added that safety as well as food supplies and medical services are assured everywhere.

On the other hand, he said, the roads are not places for a great people who do not wish to die. Orders had been given to the military authorities, he said, to put an immediate stop to any departure of the population.—Reuter.

TATARESCU RESIGNS

London, To-day. The Rumanian Government of M. George Tatarescu has resigned, according to the official Berlin radio. M. Tatarescu took office on November 24 last year, succeeding the Patriarch Miron Cristea.—Reuter.

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Reasonable Hopes Of Final Victory

MR. CHURCHILL FULL OF FIGHT

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WAS CROWDED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO HEAR THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, MAKE WHAT IS REGARDED AS THE MOST IMPORTANT SPEECH OF THE WAR AND TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE DRAMATIC EVENTS WHICH LED TO FRANCE'S APPROACH TO GERMANY TO END HOSTILITIES.

Mr. Churchill said: "I spoke the other day of the colossal military disaster which occurred when the French High Command failed to withdraw the northern armies from Belgium at a moment when they knew the French front had been decisively broken at Sedan and on the Meuse.

"This delay entailed the loss of 15 or 16 French divisions and threw out of action for that critical period the whole British Expeditionary Force.

"Our army and 120,000 French troops indeed were rescued by the British Navy from Dunkirk but only with the loss of all their cannons, vehicles and modern equipment.

"This loss inevitably took some weeks to repair, and in the first two of those weeks the battle of France was lost.

"When we consider the heroic resistance made by the French army at heavy odds and the evident exhaustion of the enemy, it may well be thought that those 25 divisions of the best troops, the best trained and the best equipped, might have turned the scale.

"However, General Weygand had to fight without them.

Fought Well

"Only three British divisions, or their equivalent, were able to stand in the line with their French comrades.

"They have suffered severely but they have fought well. (Cheers).

"We sent every man we could to France, as fast as we could re-equip and transport their formations.

"I am not reciting these facts for the purpose of recrimination."

There were now over 1,500,000 men under arms in Britain, as well as 500,000 local defence volunteers. A great mass of stores, rifles, and munitions, had been saved from France.

Mr. Churchill continued: "Lest the account I have given of these very large forces should raise the question why they didn't take part in the great Battle of France, I must make it clear that apart from divisions training and organising at home, only 12 were equipped to fight upon a scale which justified their having been sent abroad.

Up To Expectations

"They were fully up to the number which the French had been led to expect would be available in France at the ninth month of the war.

"Our forces at home will of course steadily increase every week.

"An invasion of Great Britain would require the transportation across the seas of hostile armies upon a very large scale and after they had been so transported they would have to be continually maintained with all the mass of munitions and supplies required for a continuous battle, as continuous battle it would be.

"Here is where we come to the Navy. After all, we have a Navy! (Cheers). Some people seem to forget that. We must be behind them.

"For more than 30 years I have been concerned in discussions about the possibility of an overseas invasion.

Invitation To H Duce

"I took the responsibility on behalf of the Admiralty at the beginning of the last war of allowing all regular troops to be sent out

of the country, although our Territorials had only just been called out and were quite untrained.

"Italy is also coming to gain sea superiority in these waters. If that is seriously intended, I can only say we shall be delighted to offer Mussolini a safeguarded passage through the Straits of Gibraltar in order that he may play the part he aspires.

"There is a genuine curiosity in the British Fleet to find out whether the Italians are up to the level at which they were in the last war (Laughter) or whether they have fallen off at all. (Renewed laughter).

"Therefore it seems to me that as far as a seaborne invasion on a great scale is concerned, we are far more capable of meeting it to-day than we were at many periods in the last war and during the early months of this war, before our other troops were trained and while the B.E.F. was already abroad and is still abroad.

Efficacy Of Sea Power

"The Navy have never pretended to be able to prevent raids by bodies of five or ten thousand men, flung suddenly across and thrown ashore at several points on the coast on a dark night or foggy morning.

"The efficacy of sea power, especially under modern conditions, depends on the invading force being of a large size, and it has to be of a large size in view of our military strength, to be of any use, and when it is of a large size the Navy will have something they can find, something they can meet.

"We must remember that even five divisions, however lightly equipped, would require 200 to 250 ships, and with modern air reconnaissance and photography it would not be easy to equip such an armada, marshal it and conduct it across the sea, without any powerful naval force to escort it.

"And there would be a very great possibility that it would be intercepted long before it reached the coast, and that the men would be drowned or blown to pieces with their equipment while trying to land.

Well-Proved Arguments

"We also have a great system of minefields, recently strongly reinforced, through which we alone know the channels.

"If the enemy tries to sweep passages through these minefields it will be the task of the Navy to destroy their minesweepers and any other forces employed to protect them.

"There ought to be no difficulty in this owing to our great superiority at sea.

"These are regular, well-tested and well-proved arguments on which we

have relied during many years in recent wars.

"But the question is whether there are any methods by which these solid assurances can be circumvented.

"Odd as it may seem, some attention has been given this by the Admiralty (laughter) whose prime duty and responsibility is to destroy any large seaborne expedition before it reaches, or at the moment it reaches, these shores.

Novel Treacheries

"It would not be useful to go into details. They might even suggest ideas to other people that they hadn't thought of and they wouldn't be likely to give any of their real ideas in exchange.

"All I will say is that untiring vigilance and mind-searching must be devoted to the subject because the enemy is crafty, cunning and full of novel treacheries and stratagems. "The House may be assured that the utmost ingenuity is being displayed and the utmost imagination is being evoked by a large number of competent officers, well trained and thoroughly up to date, to measure and counteract novel possibilities of which many are suggested, some absurd but some by no means utterly irrational.

Air Mastery

"But we have a very powerful Air Force which has proved itself far superior in quality, both in men and in many types of machines, to what we have met so far in the numerous fierce air battles which have been fought.

"In France, where we were at a considerable disadvantage to expose many machines on the ground in aerodromes, we were accustomed to inflict a loss of from two to 2½ to one.

"In the fighting at Dunkirk, which was a sort of No Man's Land, we undoubtedly beat the German air force and gained the mastery of the local air, inflicting a loss on the enemy of three or four to one.

"Anyone who looks at the photographs published a week or so ago of the embarkation, seeing masses of troops assembled on the beach, forming an ideal target, for hours at a time, must realise that this re-embarkation would not have been possible unless the enemy had resigned all hope of recovering air superiority at that point.

"In the defence of this island the advantages of the defence would be very great and we shall hope to improve upon the rate of three or four to one which was realised at Dunkirk.

Friendly Soil

"In addition, all injured machines and their crew which get down safely — and a surprisingly large number of machines and men do get down safely in modern air fighting — will, in an attack on this island, all fall on friendly soil and live to fight another day, whereas all injured enemy machines and their complements will be total losses as far as the war is con-

ABILITY STILL TO LAUGH

London, To-day. Members of all parties on the whole gave a good welcome to Mr. Churchill's statement in the Commons as being very substantially sound, despite flippancy here and there, says Reuter's lobby correspondent.

It is agreed the Premier displayed his usual skill in estimating the mood of the House—its concern for the situation, its unalterable determination to fight on and its ability still to laugh at his "disclosure."—Reuter.

"OPPOSITION" PLEDGES FULL SUPPORT

London, To-day.

Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith (Labour) spoke in the House of Commons yesterday of the unity of the country in support of the Prime Minister, adding "We shall carry on right to the end."

Sir Percy Harris (Liberal) congratulated Mr. Churchill on his brave speech and the great leadership he has given the country.

Mr. David Lloyd-George (Liberal) assured Mr. Churchill there was no desire merely to waste time upon recriminations about the past but at the secret session on Thursday they ought to have a very frank discussion as to where they stood now.

Mr. Churchill said the debate in secret session would be on the adjournment and members would have freedom, but home defence was the focus of the debate.—Reuter.

cerned.

"During the Battle of France we gave very powerful and continuous aid to the French army both by fighters and by bombers, but in spite of every kind of pressure we never would allow the entire Metropolitan strength of the Air Force in fighters to be consumed.

"This decision was painful but it was also right because the fortunes of the battle in France could not have been decisively affected even if we had thrown in our entire fighter forces.

"The battle was lost by the unfortunate strategic opening, by the extraordinary, unforeseen power of the armoured columns and by the very great preponderance of the German army in numbers.

Air Confidence

"Our fighter air force might easily have been exhausted as a mere incident in that great struggle and we should have found ourselves at the present time in a very serious plight.

"As it is, I am happy to inform the House that our fighter air strength is stronger at the present time relatively to the Germans, who have suffered terrible losses, than it has ever been.

"Consequently we believe ourselves to be possessed of great capacity to continue the war in the most better conditions than we have ever experienced before.

"I look forward confidently to the exploits of our fighter pilots, who will have the glory of saving their native land, their island home and all they love from the most deadly of all attacks.

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FIGHTING CONTINUES

Four French Armies Resisting German Advance

Maginot Line Offers Stubborn Resistance

London, To-day.

COMMENTING ON THE military situation last night, the French radio announcer said the battle was continuing as four French armies at present are opposing the German advance.

"Our troops are extremely tired but they continue to fight courageously in the very critical position in which they find themselves."—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bordeaux, To-day.

"The battle continued yesterday on the whole front particularly along the middle course of the Loire River," an official communique stated.

"Violent fighting occurred at Orleans and in the region of Charite-sur-Loire. Enemy detachments which succeeded in crossing the river were pushed back. East of the Loire the enemy made further progress.

"In Burgundy, German troops entered Dijon. In Franche-Comte, they reached the River Doubs and pushed mechanised units into the Jura region. At contact points our troops are fighting with the same bravery."—Havas.

German Communique

London, To-day.

The German High Command yesterday, while stating that further progress is being made, admits that sections of the Maginot Line are still resisting.

A Swiss message states that 500,000 men have left the Line to re-assemble with the armies in the South—presumably those holding the Italian frontier, which remains intact, with no Italian offensive launched as yet.

The rest of the Army of France is fighting with great courage in three groups:—

1. In the west, in the Lower Seine Basin, where Franco-British troops have made several successful counter-attacks.

Held On Canal

2. South of Paris, on the River Loire. Violent fighting is going on at Orleans and other river towns. Enemy detachments which got across the river are being held at the canal which runs parallel with the Loire.

3. In the east, where the troops have been in a serious plight ever since the German break-through at Champagne.

Losses in the French Air Force have been made up, and it is still strong despite its lack of numbers.

The French Navy is intact.—Reuter.

French Communique

London, To-day.

A French communique broadcast by the French wireless last evening says that by violent action against our defence elements the enemy yesterday succeeded in pushing deep into Normandy and Brittany.

Advance detachments reached Cherbourg and Rennes. Violent fighting also took place south of Chateau Lun.

On the middle Loire the enemy succeeded in establishing some bridgeheads at a point between Orleans and Nevers.

Between the Loire and the Vosges enemy masses continued to advance towards the Jura.

Fighting is continuing in Lorraine and Alsace where our troops are holding the enemy.—Reuter.

Still Up To Trickery

London, To-day.

The French High Command has issued a statement over the radio declaring that enemy columns are advancing under the white flag to achieve advances without fighting, and reminding all French and British combatants on land and sea and in the air that no armistice is yet in force and arms have not been laid down.

"Only negotiations, which have not yet begun, are being contemplated, and it is therefore the duty of all to continue resistance."—Reuter.

LABOUR LEADERS RESOLVE TO CARRY ON TO BITTER END

LONDON, TO-DAY.

FOLLOWING A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LABOUR, HELD AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST EVENING, A STATEMENT WAS ISSUED WHICH, AFTER PAYING A TRIBUTE TO THE HEROIC STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS, SAYS:

"A great ordeal now lies before the British people. The full weight of the enemy is now certain to fall upon us.

"We stand as the last bastion in Europe against the menace of tyranny; let us meet the test with calm resolution."

The statement describes it as a proud privilege to sustain the hope of civilisation all over the world in the darkest hour Europe has ever known.

It says: "We know that countless millions of subjugated peoples now under the sway of the Dictators are with us in spirit and only await an opportunity for action."

The statement concludes by expressing full confidence that all members of the Labour movement will give their utmost in every field of production of the energy and efforts for which the crisis calls.

"Let us show the tyrants of Germany and Italy that the will of the common people of Britain is beyond their power of destruction."—Reuter.

Fight For Principles

"The Labour movement has full confidence that all its members will give of the utmost in every field of production, energy and effort for which this crisis calls.

FIRST PILOTS GRADUATE

Ottawa, To-day.

The Acting Deputy Minister of Defence for Air, in a speech here yesterday, declared the first pilots graduating from the Empire air training scheme, were proceeding overseas immediately. He added that thousands of young men were being called up for service with the Air Force.—Reuter.

105,000 CHILDREN EVACUATED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The last contingent of children affected by the six-day evacuation plan drawn up by the London County Council has left for the country. About 105,000 of the 450,000 children in the city have been evacuated. —Havas.

RESERVE CORPS FROM SIXTEEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Wellington, To-day.

New Zealand has adopted conscription. A Government decree issued yesterday morning provides the creation of a general reserve corps of all males over 16 who will have the choice of serving in the reserves in New Zealand or overseas.—Havas.

SWISS COPING WITH REFUGEES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

Swiss flags, as an additional precaution, have been set up all along the Swiss frontier, over which crowds of refugees are pouring.

Three hundred wounded French soldiers have been given hospital attention.

While Switzerland considers the situation to be still very difficult, it is thought that if the French capitulate, Switzerland will escape actual warfare.—Havas.

Troops Cross Border

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

A number of French troops with equipment crossed the Swiss frontier last night and have been interned.—Havas.

GROWING AIR POWER

London, To-day.

The first pilots to graduate from the Empire air training scheme in Canada are to proceed overseas immediately, according to the Canadian Acting Deputy Minister of National Defence for Air in a speech in Ottawa.

Further air force personnel, he said, complete with aircraft, guns and wireless equipment are now standing by ready to proceed overseas.

Fighter and bomber planes ready for immediate action have already been despatched to the United Kingdom and others are awaiting transportation.

Mr. Duncan also stated that thousands of young men are being called up for service in the Royal Canadian Air Force.—British Wireless.

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KING'S MESSAGE TO MALTA

London, To-day.

In a message of thanks for birthday greetings to the Governor of Malta the King says: "I have already heard of the gallant spirit and fine bearing of the Maltese people since they have been brought within the battle zone, and I have no doubt they will worthily uphold their great traditions in the struggle in which they are now actively engaged."—British Wireless.



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TEE FOR ONE

"Jackson, old boy, congratulate me. Kindly slap me on the back."

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"No, no. This is something really important. I did the fourteenth in one yesterday. A blow in a million! The swipe to end all swipes!"

"But I don't understand. You look as fit as the proverbial Stradiavari. Were there no celebrations?"

"Celebrations? There's been nothing like it since the Relief of Mafeking."

"Perhaps I'm dense, but I still don't understand. Forgive my bluntness, but where's the hangover?"

"Hangovers? Haven't you heard? There aren't any nowadays. You just drink Gimlets, or take a long glass of Rose's Lime Juice after the jamboree. It's just a question of therapeutic action as a doctor once described it to me."

"So Rose's prevents the mornings after?"

"Really and truly. You know, old boy, you ought to keep a bottle of Rose's in your locker. Some day even you may do a little in one!"

MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

A WAR PLEDGE FULFILLED

Mussolini's declaration of war is notable for its lack of a specific cause for waging war.

The Fascist dictator in ordering his war machine into aggressive action spoke of "chains that suffocate us in the Mediterranean," and he called for a "revolution to assert itself against the stranglers, the rich nations," but none of the reports received here of his war declaration address indicates any reference whatsoever to specific acts justifying going to war. It is not clear what act or acts of the so-called stranglers or "decadent people" is or are considered as hostile or as justification for hostile action.

All the explanation that there is refers to a promise of one dictator to another, a promise to wage war, or rather a promise to enter the war when it has been started, a promise which deliberately and calculatingly ignores peaceful negotiations as the means of international agreement.

History contains no record of a war declaration on a more cold blooded basis, more flagrant and determined disregard for basic laws of organised society.

The firmness of the Mussolini hold on the Italian people is to be demonstrated, but it is amazing that a people can be led or driven into war with little of a bid for their convictions to justify what they are doing.—"Manila Bulletin."

THE GREAT BETRAYAL

Out of the welter of speeches which have heralded the entry of Italy into the war one important fact is noticeable. While Signor Mussolini, in his address from the balcony of the Palazzo Venezia, endeavoured to set up some sort of moral excuse for a completely indefensible act, his first lieutenant, Count Ciano, comes out with the truth. On Tuesday afternoon he told the French Ambassador to Rome that in declaring war upon the Allies, Signor Mussolini was only carrying out the commitments he had undertaken some time ago. This confession shows Italy ranking as *particeps criminis* with the arch malefactor, and, while Il Duce endeavours to convince his people of the righteousness of his cause, his Foreign Minister frankly tells the truth to the French envoy. That truth was apparent enough without Count Ciano's confession, for no government by its actions has so clearly told the world that it has entered on this gamble in the belief that it will be successful, and the hope of being able to share in the swag. It is unlikely that Signor Mussolini will be particularly embarrassed by the *faux-pas* committed by his subordinate, for with a conscience dulled by inordinate ambition, which must be served by the disregard of all conceptions of honour, nothing really matters save victory or defeat. The crime which Signor Mussolini has committed is not only against the Allies, and the universal conception of national honour, but also against the people of Italy, against the youth of the nation which has been deluded by visions of military grandeur. The ignis fatuus of a new Roman empire has been continually held before their eyes, as something comparatively easy to obtain, and under this illusion thousands of fine young men are to march to their deaths in a hopeless sacrifice from which even those who survive will not benefit. Signor Mussolini came to power in Italy when that country was at the lowest ebb of its fortunes. By excellent administration it was led back to the paths of prosperity, moderate though it might be, and was well on the way to much greater heights.

Then, when the future seemed assured, when even Signor Mussolini looked forward to the international trade exhibition, which in 1942 was to mark the resurrection of his country, he demolishes all the good work he has done by plunging his country into the maelstrom of war. It will emerge from it further weighed down by the heavy loss of the wealth which was accumulating and the economic destruction which the blockade must inevitably bring about. This is all the more horrible, when it is remembered that he is forcing his country to run at the chariot wheel of Herr Hitler, that the Italian armies can be reckoned as nothing but German reinforcements, and that in return for services rendered, he has to depend upon the gratitude of Herr Hitler, a man who knows nothing of the word. If, as it is firmly believed, the Allies emerge from this struggle victorious, no country will have been more grievously betrayed than the Italian. Despite all the flag-waving, and shouting it is well known that the alliance with Germany was unpopular to large masses of the Italian people, and by them entry into the war as something no better than a German conscript will be regarded with no favour whatever. Telegrams to hand state that the Italian Government are already making preparations adequate for the conduct of a long war which lies ahead. They expect a short war, but realise that their expectations stand every chance of being falsified. Should that prove to be the case, what then? A nation impoverished by a war started on the caprice of an ambitious man, set right back into the appalling conditions from which he rescued Italy nearly two decades ago, will have to pass through the throes of revolution from which it is doubtful whether there ever can arise another man to save it. That view is supported by Signor Pantaleoni, former head of the Italian Information Service in New York, who bases his findings on the reaction of the man in the street against Signor Mussolini's declaration. "N.C.D.N."

DISTINCTIONS IN MEDALS

Gallantry under fire is the same whatever the rank of the man who shows it; the lives bravely risked allow of no distinction in value. But in our awards for gallantry this principle is not observed. An officer and a sergeant may perform the same feat, face the identical danger, and yet have their joint action recognised by different medals. It is a small thing, probably causing few resentments, but it seems a little out of place in this struggle of a free people. We do not follow the more excellent example of France, whose Croix de Guerre is open to all ranks. It is true that the Legion d'Honneur is mainly reserved for officers, but in exceptional cases it is given to other ranks, and the Medaille Militaire, usually awarded to "the troops" was borne as a special distinction by high officers like the Marshals Joffre, Foch, and Petain. Our first award, the Victoria Cross, is granted to officers and men alike, but this recognition of the classlessness of a body of brave men is matched by only one other medal, that of the Order of the British Empire, Military Division, for Gallantry. To award the same medal for the same deed would not be so vast a break with the traditions of the British Army. It was the Duke of Wellington, in 1811, who wrote that "the principle of selection without reference to ranks ought to be adopted in every instance of the grant of medals to the Army."—"Manchester Guardian."

Signs Of Revulsion Of Feeling In France

DICTATORS AGREE ON PEACE TERMS

Conditions Not Yet Known

LONDON, TO-DAY.

WHETHER FRANCE WILL FIGHT ON OR CAPITULATE IS LIKELY TO BE DECIDED WITHIN THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

No terms had been conveyed to Bordeaux up to midnight but it was learned officially in London that Hitler and Mussolini had concluded their deliberations at Munich, that Mussolini was returning to Rome and Hitler to the front.

No clue to the terms of peace to be offered to France are forthcoming but the official German News Agency (D.N.B.) states that the Dictators reached an agreed attitude to the French request for an armistice.

There are meanwhile, signs of a revulsion of feeling in France, and an increase of sentiment against capitulation.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill revealed that Britain had felt unable voluntarily to release France from her treaty obligations or her pledges not to conclude a separate peace. He said it was by no means certain that French resistance would cease.

GERMAN DESTROYER BOMBED

London, To-day.

A German destroyer has been badly damaged by a 'plane of the Coastal Command, according to the Air Ministry.

The 'plane was a Lockheed Hudson, an American 'plane which has been doing notable work in the Coastal Command operations.

The pilot was on patrol near Nordeney, in the Frisian Islands (off the coast of Germany) when he sighted several German destroyers. He dived and dropped his bombs.

One bomb hit a destroyer directly amidships, and a cloud of smoke came up.

He circled round, examining the result. Smoke was still coming up from the destroyer when he turned away and flew back to his base. — Reuter.

"WE SHALL SAVE EUROPE"

Cairo, To-day.

"Dictators fade away, the British Empire never dies," declares an order of the day by General Wavell to the troops in the Middle East.

"We shall save Europe from tyranny as we have before. Difficult times lie ahead but they will be faced with the same spirit of calm confidence in which we have faced such crises before. We stand firm whatever happens." — Reuter.

The conference at Munich is described by D.N.B. as having proceeded "in complete isolation, with no sound from the outside world penetrating the Fuehrer's headquarters."

Munich streets were full of flags, cheering people, songs—and S.S. men. Meanwhile, while the two dictators were conferring, there were plenty of hints coming from Rome and Berlin.

Italian "Hint"

Stefani, the Italian news agency, said that Italy and Germany were prepared to treat France more generously than the British offer of complete union—whatever that might mean.

The German radio was hinting that Hitler would play a cat-and-mouse game with France and keep her waiting as long as possible for the terms for peace, with dark references to the treatment Germany got in 1918.

There is a widespread feeling in France that the new French Government may not long continue to receive the support of the French people.

This is revealed by Reuter's special correspondent with the B.E.F. who has reached Britain from a port in west France.

Divorced From People

He writes that he heard this opinion in talking to French navy officers and civilians during a 300-mile tour from the battle zone to the port of embarkation.

"I gathered," he says, "that there is a widespread feeling that the Petain regime owes too much to pro-Fascist elements and that it is divorced from the will of the French people and Parliament." — Reuter.

Near East Proclamation

Cairo, To-day.

A message received from Beyrout states that General Mittelhauser, Commander-in-Chief of Allied Forces in the Near East, has issued a proclamation stating that "fighting continues on land, sea and in the air."

There is, as yet, no confirmation of this report. — Reuter.

NAVAL BATTLE REPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

A major engagement between the Italian Fleet and the French Mediterranean Fleet, under Admiral Darlan, Commander-in-Chief of the French Navy, is reported by the Bordeaux correspondent of the "Daily Mail."

Italian losses are stated to be heavy.

The location of the battle is not specified.—Havas.

CANADIANS LANDED IN ICELAND

Ottawa, To-day.

The Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, announced in the house of Commons yesterday that the first contingent of the Canadian Expeditionary Force has landed in Iceland.

He also announced that Canada was extending its military defensive powers over French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.—Reuter.

DOMINIONS SOLID IN SUPPORT

London, To-day.

Lord Caldecote, Leader of the House of Lords, made a similar statement yesterday to Mr. Churchill's in the Commons.

Lord Caldecote mentioned the magnificent contribution by the Dominions to our strength, and said the Government had received many messages from each of them.

He confined himself to quoting two—one from New Zealand pledging the Dominion to remain with Britain to the end and to render every possible assistance.

The other message he quoted was from the Prime Minister of South Africa, stating "Whatever the difficulties and trials ahead and however long the road to victory may be, we hope to follow it to the end in company with our Commonwealth friends and allies."—Reuter.

MOZAMBIQUE PRECAUTIONS

London, To-day.

It is officially stated that a small military force has been despatched by the South African Government to Komatipoort, in Eastern Transvaal, on the Mozambique border.

This is only a precautionary measure and relations between the Union and Mozambique remain "most friendly and co-operative."—British Wireless.

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Great retreats and rearguard actions have written some of the most glorious pages in the history of the British Army. And to them another has now to be added.

But, glorious though they are, they carry with them an unmistakable reflection on our traditional peace policy and our habitual unreadiness for war; and the pride which the British people may justly take in them must be tempered with deep humility.

Almost invariably when our vital interests have been threatened, and against our will we have found ourselves plunged in war, our small regular forces have been called upon at the outset to act as our shield and buckler till the country was fully armed.

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Trusting in their valour and prowess, we have called upon them for unexampled efforts and let them be faced with trials almost beyond endurance. But they have always confirmed our trust. Time and again in history our armies have had to retreat in the face of tremendous odds, and hence our military annals are ablaze with glittering stories of the sublimest of all forms of collective courage — a courage required when carrying out a withdrawal in face of a victorious enemy.

One of our proudest stories is the story of Sir John Moore's retreat at Corunna.

In the autumn of 1809, Sir John Moore advanced into Spain from Lisbon with 25,000 men to assist the Spanish Army against Napoleon. The Spaniards, unfortunately, proved a broken reed, and in November, at Salamanca, Moore learned that they were even negotiating the surrender of their capital.

THE CORUNNA EPIC

Nevertheless, with great boldness, Moore decided early in December to strike at the French Army under Soult on the Carrion River and so to threaten the French communications. On arriving in close touch with his enemy on December 23, he learned that Napoleon himself was advancing against him and that his own communications with Portugal had been severed.

Thereupon Moore decided to retreat to the Spanish coast at Corunna, 250 miles to the northwest, where transports could be sent to embark him. Napoleon, at the head of 42,000 men, flung himself forward in pursuit, and Junot and Soult, with 40,000 more, were ordered to join the chase and try to encircle Moore.

Moore escaped the net and from January 1 Soult alone continued the pursuit. Day after day the British troops had to fight severe rearguard action in face of increasing hardships, and the discipline of some of the units was unable to bear the strain. But Moore never lost heart, and thanks in particular to the gallantry of his own light regiments, whom he himself had trained at Shorncliffe years before, the Army reached Corunna on January 12.

The transports were late in arriving, but on the morning of the 16th, as the troops were about to embark, the French under Soult attacked in three

columns. They were boldly beaten back, and Moore's army, now reduced to 15,000, a large proportion of whom were wounded or sick, were safely embarked; but Moore himself was mortally wounded in the hour of victory, and was buried that night "with his martial cloak around him."

200 MILES FROM MONS

Even more remarkable, in that it was carried out with complete discipline in spite of every disadvantage, was the historic retreat from Mons in 1914—a retreat that was carried on for 13 days with only one halt and covered a distance of 200 miles.

Approximately half the men in the ranks were reservists who had only just come back from civilian life. They had been hurried forward to the area of concentration. Arrived there, they were hastened by forced marches to the battle, and it was at that moment when, already exhausted by lack of food and sleep, they were suddenly confronted by the severest ordeal that an army can be asked to face. Throughout the retreat the physical

By
**Brigadier-General
C.F. Aspinall-
Oglander, C.B.**

and moral endurance of the men was superb.

"I would never have believed," said an officer (as quoted by General Edmonds), "that men could be so tired and so hungry and yet live."

The Retreat from Mons was followed, in 1915, by the evacuation of Gallipoli, where the primary cause of the expedition's failure had been lack of preparations and lack of sufficient numbers in its initial stages.

In March, 1918, came the ever memorable and ever glorious retreat, in the face of overwhelming numbers, of Gough's Fifth Army.

Then, in the summer of 1918, when Britain at long last was fully armed, when her ammunition factories were overflowing and her tanks all-conquering, when her Army had arrived at Continental proportions and her Air Force had established complete command of the air, the tide at last turned.

TIME TO STRIKE

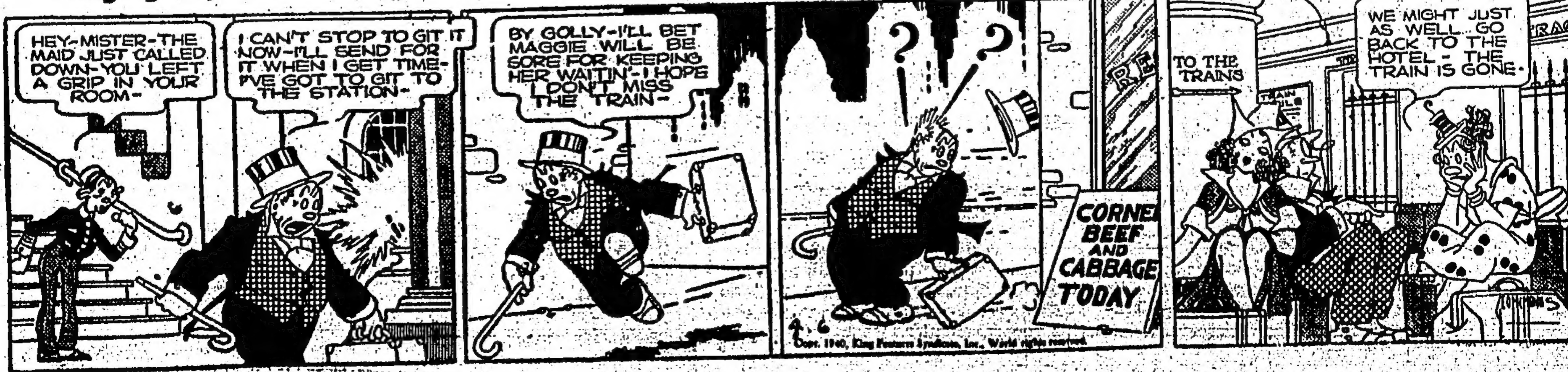
The time to strike had arrived, and in company with their gallant French, Belgian and American allies, the British advanced . . . to win.

And so will it be in the war that is now raging.

There can be little doubt, alas, that, when the full details of the present retreat to the coast come to light, the trials of all previous armies in retreat will pale into insignificance in comparison with the grievous sufferings of the British Expeditionary Force and their French comrades in the heroic struggle of the 21 days.

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Bringing Up Father



HEY-MISTER-THE MAID JUST CALLED DOWN-YOU LEFT A GRIP IN YOUR ROOM-

I CAN'T STOP TO GIT IT NOW-LL SEND FOR IT WHEN I GET TIME-I'VE GOT TO GIT TO THE STATION-

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DRAGON TERRACE 'ROBBERY'

APPEARING BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K. C. THIS MORNING, YAU TAK, 23, COOK-AMAH, LAI LING, 34, AMAH, AND WONG TSE-CHING, 33, UNEMPLOYED GARDENER, WERE CHARGED WITH THE THEFT OF JEWELLERY, VALUED \$2,625, PROPERTY OF MISS M. MURRAY.

Wong was additionally charged with misleading the Police.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Dar-kin said that first and second defendants were employed as amahs at No. 3, Dragon Terrace, first floor. Miss Murray was keeping the house for her brother-in-law, an Italian, now interned. On June 15, complainant took out her jewellery from the safe and put it in a wardrobe before she left the house to visit her brother-in-law in the Internment Camp.

During the absence of complainant, first and second defendants stole the jewellery and handed it over to third defendant who tied the women up and left the house.

After he had gone the women raised an alarm and informed the Police that they had been robbed by six men, armed with daggers.

Enquiries were made and eventually first defendant confessed to the Police.

All the jewellery was recovered, part being found inside a tin box tied to a wire and hung on a wall at the back of the house.

Defendants were all sentenced to 12 months' hard labour.

RUDOLF FRIML CHARGED

The world-famous composer, Rudolf Friml, 56, naturalised American, composer of the operetta "Rose Marie," appeared before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged with entering the Colony without a passport.

His private secretary, Miss Kay Wong Ling, an American-born Chinese was also charged with similar offence.

The police stated that defendants arrived yesterday on board a President boat from Manila and were advised to remain on board.

They however, were found in the Peninsula Hotel this morning.

Mr. Friml was fined \$25, and Miss Ling, \$10.

FALSE PRETENCES CHARGE

Charged with obtaining money by false pretences, Tso Chun, 30, book seller, was remanded by Mr. R. Edwards this morning.

It was alleged that defendant with another man not in custody, obtained \$20 from the Hong Kong Branch of the National Women's Relief Association, by pretending that they were from the Central Propaganda Bureau of the Chinese National Government.

Hearing was fixed for June 28, at 2.30 p.m. and bail of \$500 was allowed.

MR. CHURCHILL AT PALACE

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace last evening. Earlier the Foreign Secretary was also received by His Majesty.—British Wireless.

RAJAH OF SARAWAK'S CONTRIBUTION

London, To-day.

The Rajah of Sarawak has donated an additional £60,000 for the prosecution of the war.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over the Pacific to the east of the Bonins, and relatively low over Indo-China and Manchuria.



The Duke of Kent has taken up a new appointment with the R.A.F. as Group Captain Training Command. It is understood that the Duke's new appointment is largely because of the extremely great importance attached to the welfare of the personnel of the Royal Air Force. (Copyright, Fox).

GREATEST RETREAT OF ALL

(Continued from Page 10).

There has been no comparable experience of a force attacked in front, flank and rear by overwhelming numbers supported by immensely superior tanks and artillery and by an air force whose numbers exceed those of the defenders by more than four to one.

HUGE ENEMY LOSSES

There has been no previous experience of every route of retreat being crowded and jammed by tens of thousands of starving refugees, themselves being bombed and machine-gunned and overrun by the tanks of a merciless and murderous enemy.

Grievously though the B.E.F. have suffered and are still suffering, their heroic resistance has exacted a stupendous toll from the enemy.

Let them rest assured that the nation is now aroused as never before, that the whole manhood of the country is resolved to avenge those who have fallen, to work unceasingly for victory, to live labourious days, and not to cease the fight till final victory is won.

SCHOOLBOY ATTACKED

ON HIS WAY TO SCHOOL THIS MORNING, A LA SALLE COLLEGE STUDENT, CHING MAN-CHEUK, WAS HELD UP, THREATENED WITH DAGGERS AND ROBBED OF A WRIST-WATCH BY FOUR MEN NEAR THE WATERLOO ROAD-ARGYLE STREET JUNCTION.

One of the alleged highwaymen was arrested.

Ching was walking in Waterloo Road at about 8.15 a.m. on his way to La Salle. Near Argyle Street the four Chinese approached and one of them demanded that he turn out the contents of his pockets, while another held his hands behind him.

The other two threatened him with daggers, one of them pointing a dagger at his throat. They took his wrist-watch and ran away in different directions.

A man was, however, arrested.

CONTROL OF "RED" PUBLICATIONS

London, To-day.

Three more periodicals, the "Labour Monthly," "Vema" and the "Kypriaka Nea," have been added to the list which it is illegal to send or convey outside Britain.—British Wireless.

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CHINESE GIRL MISSING

Suspected to have been kidnapped, a 12-year-old Chinese girl, Lau Mo-chi, has been missing since Monday morning.

The girl, niece of Mr. Lau Tak-po, managing director of the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company, Limited, was on her way to school when she disappeared.

It is learned that the girl was seen at school in the morning but failed to attend class.

RADIO SELLING LICENCE FINE

The Four Lines Company, No. 24, Johnston Road, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for selling radios without a dealers' licence.

Mr. F. H. Loseby pleaded guilty on behalf of defendant, and said that his client had a licence last year, but as business was so small, did not renew it.

A fine of \$30 was imposed. Inspector James Key prosecuted.



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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

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Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 12th June	June 19.
Straits	June 19.
Shanghai	June 19.
Europe and Straits (London date, 1st May)	June 19.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard	June 19.
Sandakan	June 19.
Shanghai	June 19.
Calcutta and Straits	June 19.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 24th May)	June 19.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	June 20.
Japan and Shanghai	June 20.
Canton	June 20.
Manila	June 20.
Formosa, Amoy and Swatow	June 20.
Straits	June 20.
Shanghai and Amoy	June 21.
London and Straits	June 21.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	June 21.
Shanghai	June 21.
Europe via Suez and Straits—London date, 10th May)	June 22.
Canton	June 22.
Japan and Shanghai	June 22.

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	Par.,	Tues., June 18, 5.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	Wed., June 19, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., June 19, 10.30 a.m.
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	Reg.,	Wed., June 19, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., June 19, 5.30 p.m.
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	Reg.,	Wed., June 19, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., June 19, 7.00 p.m.
Straits		Wed., June 19, 7.00 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow		June 19, 7.00 p.m.
THURSDAY		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco — and Europe via San Francisco.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Wed., June 19, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Thur., June 20, 8.30 a.m.
	Par.,	Thur., June 20, 10.30 a.m.
	Letters,	Thur., June 20, 11.30 a.m.
		Thur., June 20, 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard		Thur., June 20, 1.00 p.m.
Shanghai		Thur., June 20, 2.00 p.m.
Haiphong		Thur., June 20, 2.00 p.m.
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Marseilles.	Reg.,	June 20, 2.45 p.m.
	Ord.,	June 20, 3.30 p.m.
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Fort Bayard		June 20, 3.30 p.m.

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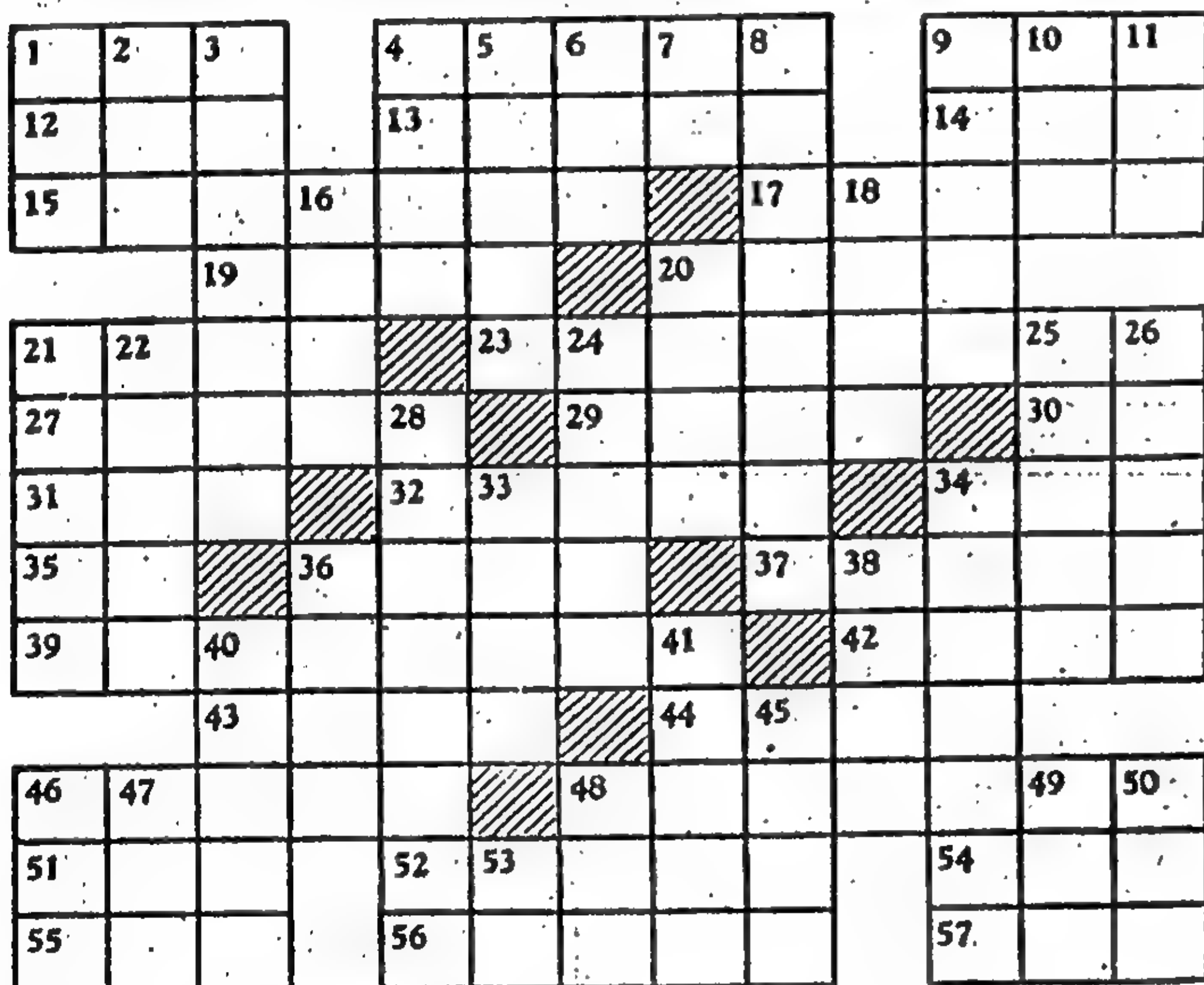
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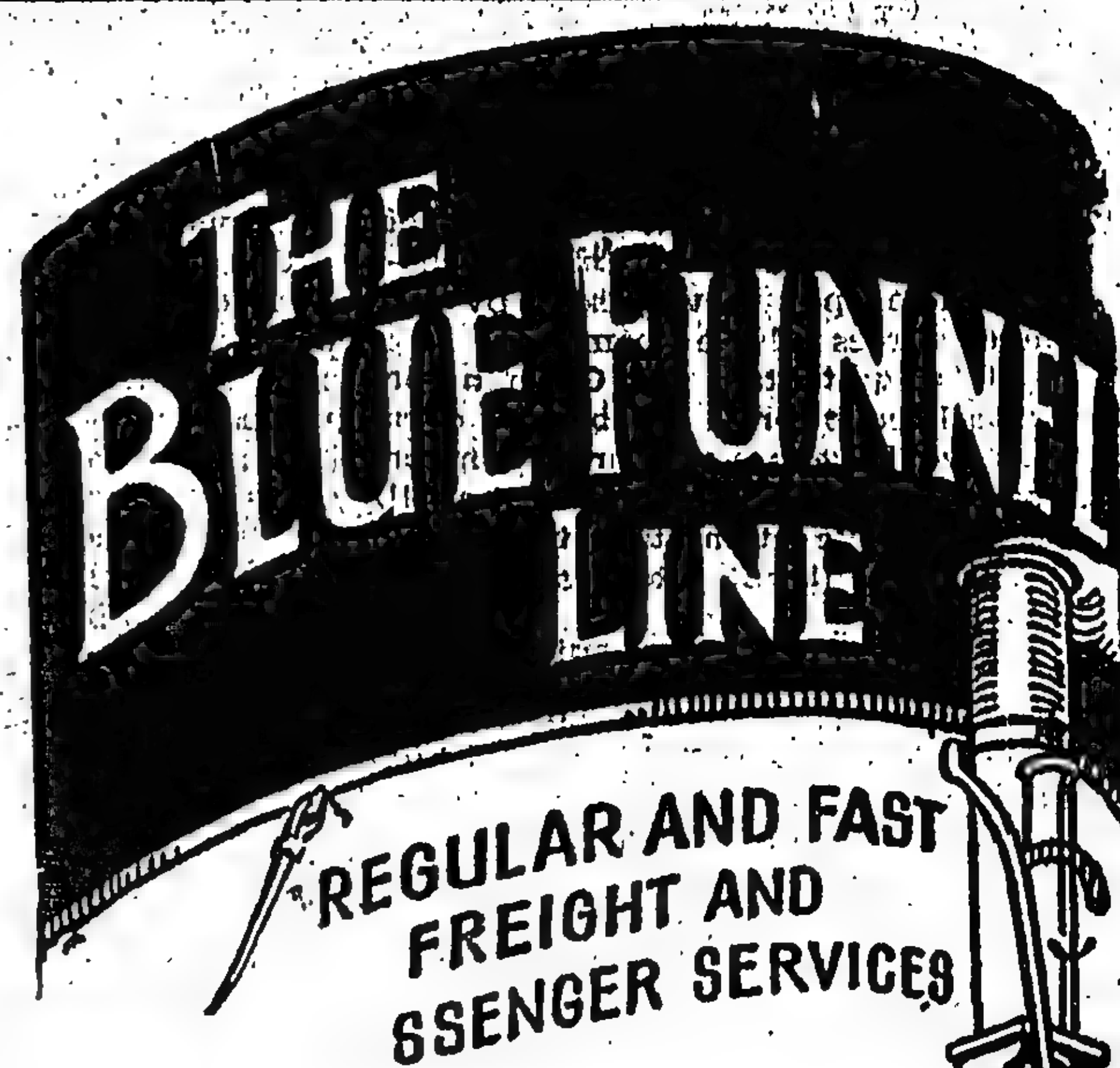
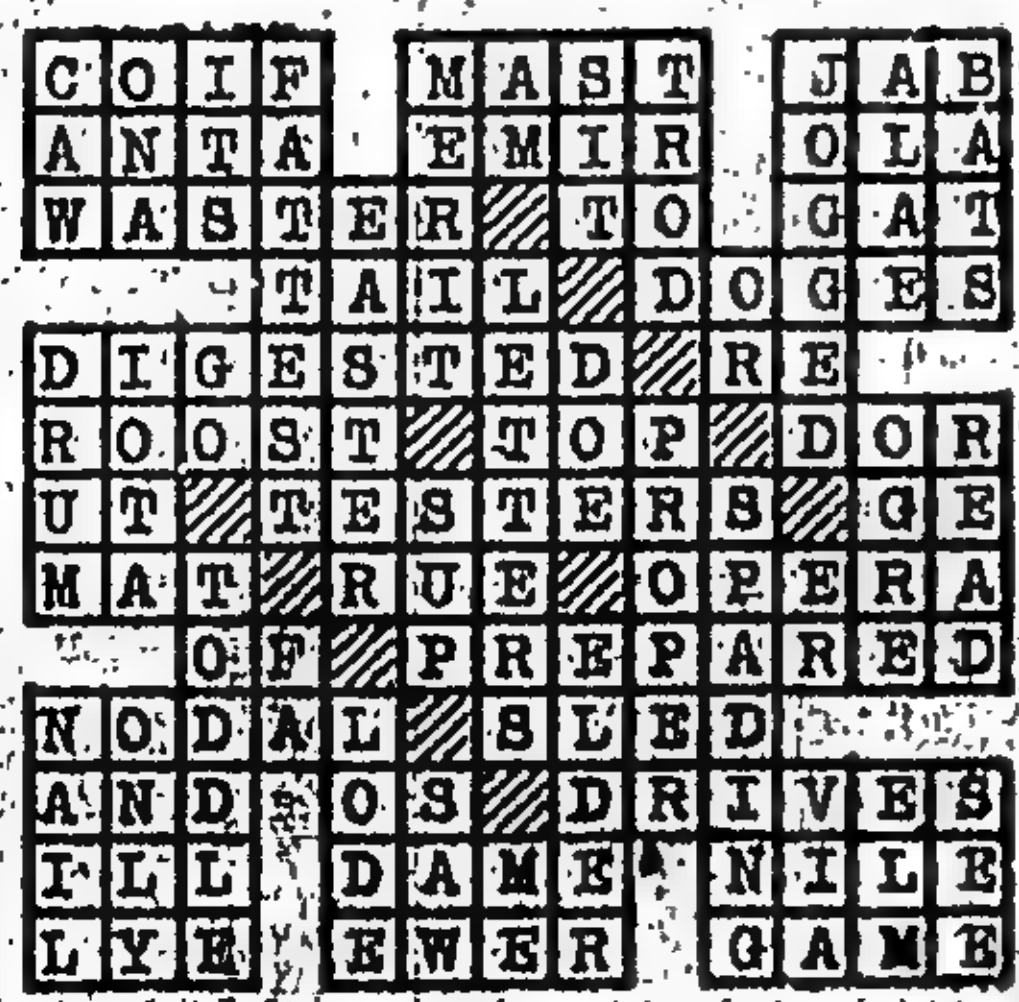
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- 1 Supporting bar
- 4 Satisfied
- 9 Snare
- 12 High card
- 13 Yellowish
- 14 Fish eggs
- 15 Expressive motion
- 17 To colour
- 19 Heap
- 20 To stab
- 21 Soon
- 23 Derisive
- 27 Timbres
- 29 Archaic; to
- 30 Symbol for selenium
- 31 Bushy clump
- 32 Shield
- 34 To petition
- 35 Because
- 36 Colloquial: companions
- 37 Poetic: dismal
- 39 To recall
- 42 Cloth measures
- 43 European mountains
- 44 To cure
- 46 Italian poet
- 48 Consider

VERTICAL

- 1 To exhaust
- 2 To cool
- 3 To lose spirit
- 4 Disembodied spirit
- 5 Land measures
- 6 Article
- 7 Teutonic deity
- 8 Banished
- 9 Lamentation
- 10 Electrified particle
- 11 To yield
- 16 Antler prong
- 18 Italian river
- 20 Signal-bell
- 21 Essence
- 22 Lariat
- 24 Imprecation of evil
- 25 Ordinary
- 26 Glances slyly
- 28 Textile-cleaning machines
- 33 Ecclesiastical vestments
- 34 Dealers
- 36 Animal skin
- 38 To peruse
- 40 Thane's estate
- 41 French river
- 43 Poetic: sufficient
- 46 Candle
- 47 Girl's name
- 48 To fasten
- 49 To knock
- 50 Pigeon
- 53 Greeting

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"There remains the danger of bombing attempts which will certainly be made upon us very soon by the bomber forces of the enemy.

"It is quite true the German air force is superior in numbers to ours but we have a very large bomber force also (Cheers) which we shall use to strike at military targets in Germany without intermission.

Barcelona Example

"I don't at all under-rate the severity of the ordeal which lies before us but I believe our countrymen will show themselves capable of standing up to it like the brave men of Barcelona. (Labour cheers).

"They will stand up to it and carry on in spite of it and at least as well as any other people in the world.

"Much will depend on this, and every man and every woman will have the chance to show the finest quali-

ties of their race and render the highest service to their cause.

"For all of us at this time, whatever our sphere, our status, our occupation or duty, it will be well to remember the famous line sung, 'He nothing common did, or mean, upon that memorable scene,' and I have thought it right on this occasion to give the House and country some indication of the solid and practical grounds on which we base our inflexible resolve to continue the war, and I can assure them that all our professional advisors of the three Services unitedly advise that we should do so, and that there are good and reasonable hopes of final victory. (Cheers).

Empire Unanimity

"We have also informed and consulted all the self-governing Dominions (Cheers) and I have received from their Prime Ministers—Mr. Mac-

kenzie King, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Fraser and General Smuts—messages, couched in most moving terms, in which they endorse our decision and declare themselves ready to share our fortunes and persevere to the end.

"We may now ask ourselves in what ways our position has worsened since the beginning of the war.

"It has worsened by the fact that the Germans have conquered a large part of the coastline of western Europe and many small countries have been overrun by them.

"This aggravates the possibility of air attacks and adds to our naval pre-occupations. It in no way diminishes, but on the contrary, definitely increases our long-distance blockade.

Not Yet Certain

"Should military resistance come to an end in France, which is not yet certain (Cheers), though it will in any case be greatly diminished, the Germans can concentrate their forces upon us, but for the reasons I have given this won't be easy to apply.

"If an invasion becomes more imminent we are being relieved from the task of maintaining a large army in France and have far larger and more efficient forces here to meet them.

"If Hitler can bring under his despotic control the industries of the countries he has conquered, this will add greatly to his already vast armament output.

"On the other hand it will not happen immediately and we are now assured of immense, continuous and increasing support in supplies and munitions from the United States (Cheers) and especially of aeroplanes and pilots from the Dominions and across the oceans, who will come from their regions which are beyond the reach of enemy bombing.

"If Winter Comes"

"I don't see how any of these factors can operate to our detriment on balance before winter comes, and winter will impose a strain on the Nazi regime, with almost all Europe writhing and starving under their heel, which with all their ruthlessness, will harm them very hard.

"We must not forget that from the time when we declared war on September 3 it was always possible for Germany to turn all her air force upon this country, together with any other devices of invasion she might have conceived, and that France could do little or nothing to prevent it.

"We have therefore lived in this danger in principle and a slightly modified form during all these months.

"Meanwhile, however, we have improved enormously our methods of defence and we have learnt what we had no right to assume at the begin-

ning, namely the individual superiority of our aircraft and our pilots.

No Reason For Dismay

"Therefore, in casting up this dread balance sheet, and contemplating our dangers with a disillusioned mind, I see great reasons for intense vigilance and exertion but none whatever for panic or dismay.

"During the first four years of the last war, the Allies experienced nothing but disaster and disappointment, and yet at the end their morale was higher than that of the Germans who had moved from one aggressive triumph to another.

"During that war we repeatedly asked ourselves the question 'How are we going to win?' and no-one was ever able to answer it with much precision until at the end, quite suddenly and unexpectedly, our terrible foe collapsed before us and we were so glutted with victory that in our folly we cast it away. (Loud cheers).

France's Hour

"We don't yet know what will happen in France, or whether French resistance will be prolonged both in France and in the French Empire overseas.

"The French Government will be throwing away great opportunities and casting away their future if they don't continue the war in accordance with their treaty obligations, from which we have felt unable to release them.

"The House will have read the historic declaration in which, at the desire of many Frenchmen, and of our own hearts, we have proclaimed our willingness to conclude at the darkest hour in French history, a union of common citizenship.

"However matters may go in France or with the French Government, or another French Government, we in this island and in the British Empire will never lose our sense of friendship with the French people.

"If we are now called upon to endure what they have suffered we shall emulate their courage, and if final victory rewards our toils they shall share the gain and freedom shall be restored to all.

Battle Of Britain

"We abate nothing of our just demands that Czechs, Norwegians, Dutch and Belgians and all who have joined their cause to ours, shall be restored.

"What General Weygand has spoken of as the Battle of France is over. I expect the Battle of Britain is about to begin.

"Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilisation. Upon it depends our own British lives, the long continuity of our Constitution and our Empire.

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"Hitler knows he will have to break up this island or lose the war. If we can stand up to him all Europe may be free and the life of the world may move forward into the broad sunlit uplands.

"But if we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, and all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age made more sinister, and perhaps more prolonged, by the lights of perverted science.

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NURSE'S BRAVERY IN "WHITE SLAVE" TRAFFIC

NAZI BOMBING OF HOSPITAL SHIP

AS SHE STRUGGLED IN THE SEA, A PLUMP RED CROSS NURSE CALLED LAUGHINGLY TO SEAMEN WHO WERE TRYING TO HOIST HER ON BOARD: "COME ON BOYS, SING 'ROLL OUT THE BARREL'."

She joined in the chorus as they rescued her.

The nurse, with five comrades and a stewardess, had been hurled into the sea when a bomb from a German plane struck the hospital ship Paris which was lying in mid-Channel.

The crew and the nursing staff were picked up safely, but a cabin boy was killed by a splinter. There were no wounded on board.

The ship was painted with the usual Red Cross markings. There was no question whatever of her identity.

The story of the sinking was told by survivors when they arrived at a south-east coast port.

NO PANIC

"The bombers flew over many times, and scored several hits. The ship began to sink, and orders were given for the crew to stand by the boats."

"I saw six of the nurses and a stewardess climb into one of the lifeboats. As they sat there the Germans dived again, and one of their bombs struck the davits and lifted the boat out of the water. The women were thrown into the sea."

"There was not the slightest panic among them. We threw ropes and pulled them all on board."

One of the nurses received a shrapnel wound in her arm. Shortly after they had been rescued, the order was given to abandon the ship.

The fifty members of the crew took to the remaining boats and were picked up by a British warship.

HARBOUR OFFENCE

For towing two junks with a capacity of over 1,500 piculs at one time through the southern entrance to the Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter at 6.50 a.m. on June 8, Chan Yung-kam, coxswain of steam launch "Yau Hing," was fined \$10 or 10 days, by Commander G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, this morning.

MANSLAUGHTER CASE

Charged with the manslaughter of Ng Lin on Monday, Lam Tsan, 21, hawker, was remanded for one week by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

Inspector A. E. Carey is in charge of the case.



A true optimist is he who thinks life as it's mapped out for him is just one lucky break after another.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1310 s.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS,

ETC.

H.K. Docks (Old) \$15¼ sa.

LAST DAY'S SALES

1 H.K. Banks @ \$1320
200 Docks (Old) @ \$15¼
15 Electrics @ \$57¼
1,000 Telephones (New) @ \$8

GREER GARSON'S DIVORCE

Miss Greer Garson, the stage and film actress, who appeared in the film "Goodbye Mr. Chips," was granted a divorce from Edward S. Nelson, says a Reuter message from Hollywood.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2.7/8.

London silver was quoted at 23-1/4 for Spot and 21-1/2 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at £—U.S.\$362.



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FORD TO MAKE ROLLS ROYCE ENGINES

London, To-day.

The Ford Motor Company of Detroit is to manufacture 6,000 Rolls-Royce Merlin aero engines, it was announced yesterday by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production.

Production will begin in a month and delivery will start early next year.—Reuter.



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Dance
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To-day's Wireless

Puccini
Selections

6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers".
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—A Spanish Programme. Puerta De Tierra—Bolero (Albeniz); Aragon—Fantasia (Albeniz).... Orquesta Sevilla.
Bouquet of Spanish Songs. Intro: Perjura; Lolita; La Paloma; La Partida; El Relicario; Ay, Ay, Ay.... Sevillean Serenaders with Orchestra.
Madrecita De Pompeya—Tango.... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Lamento Borincano (Hernandez).... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with

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Orchestra.
Mi Musa Campers—Tango (from film "Bolche").... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
La Rosa Oriental (Espigul).... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orch.
8.30 p.m.—Grieg—Peer Gynt Suite No. 2, Op. 55.
New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Father Ryan on "Poets"—No. 3: Coleridge.
9.05 p.m.—Songs by William Brownlow (Baritone).

One Kind Word (Charles-Dean); I Still Love Mary (Sievier & Ramsay); This Lovely Rose (Sievier & Ramsay).... with Orchestral accompaniment.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talk.
9.45 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 45 ("Farewell") in F Sharp Minor.

Sir Henry J. Wood conducting the London Symphony Orchestra.
10.10 p.m.—Alfred Cortot (Piano) playing Chopin. Ballade No. 3 in A Flat Major, Op. 47. Tarantelle, Op. 43. Valse in A Flat, Op. 69, No. 1. Impromptu No. 1 in A Flat Major, Op. 29.
10.30 p.m.—Selections from Puccini's Operas.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.
INDIAN BROADCAST
A Radio Programme broadcast by Z.B.C. on 280 metres consisting of News, Talks and Music from 8-8.30 p.m.



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A MUCH DISCUSSED HAND

To-day's hand, taken from the recent Vanderbilt Cup tournament, created a great deal of discussion. At one table South opened with a psychic bid of one heart and subsequently played the hand at seven, down three. At the other table South passed originally and eventually became Declarer at four hearts, making five.

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ A 5
♥ A 10 6
♦ A Q J 8 2
♣ A Q 4
♠ K 10 9 8
♥ 6 2
♦ Q 9 5 3
♣ 7 4
♠ Q J 4 3
♥ 7
♦ 10 9 8 5
♣ K J 6 3
♠ 7
♥ K J 8 4 2
♦ K 6
♣ 10 9 8 5 3

The bidding at Table No. 1:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	7♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

In the various discussions raging about the hand it was pointed out that six hearts was a reasonably good contract for North and South since this contract could be made by means of a successful finesse in trumps or for the King of clubs. It was then pointed out, however, that six diamonds was an even better contract since this Slam could be made by cashing the Ace of spades, ruffing a spade, drawing trumps and conceding a trick to the Queen of hearts. Declarer eventually making five diamonds, four hearts, two black Aces and a ruff.

However, the last word came when some one pointed out that West could beat a six-diamond contract by the simple expedient of refusing to win his Queen of hearts. The play would go: A spade opening. Declarer (North) wins with Ace, trumps spade in dummy, leads King of diamonds, plays a heart to the Ace in his own hand, draws trumps and now leads the ten of hearts. West shows out and East ducks, and the hand is down.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner, both sides were vulnerable, you had 40 on score and held:

♠ K J x x x
♥ K x x
♦ K Q
♣ K x x

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	Burnstone	You
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid five spades. This bid shows that you have a fine hand and are anxious to get to a slam. At the same time your failure to bid another suit informs partner that you have no Aces.

Score 100% for five spades, 80% for six spades (slight overbid), 50% for four spades (an underbid), 0 for pass.

QUESTION NO. 440

David Bruce Burnstone is your partner, both sides are vulnerable and you hold:

♠ x
♥ Q 10 x x x
♦ 10 x x x
♣ J x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	Maier	You	Schenken
1NT	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ICHANG STRUGGLE

Chungking, To-day.
The battle for the possession of Ichang continues with undiminished fury, according to a report from the Ichang front.

Contact between the Japanese troops in the Ichang sector and those in the Tangyang, Kingmen and Shasi sectors has been cut by the Chinese.

Bitter combats are going on at Tzuhuassu, south-east of Tangyang.

Chinese reinforcements have crossed the Han River harassing the Japanese on the east bank.—Central News.

CANADIAN TROOPS SENT TO WEST INDIES

Ottawa, To-day.

Mr. Mackenzie King told the Commons yesterday that Canadian troops had been sent to the West Indies to relieve the British garrison there and revealed that other Canadian troops were now also stationed in Newfoundland.

He explained that the new conscription measure would empower the Government to draft resources and wealth necessary for the prosecution of the war, thereby putting beyond question Canada's effort to the fullest limit of her resources.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN OIL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

The Cabinet met yesterday morning to discuss the question of Rumanian oil.—Havas.

WAR MEMORIES OF 25 YEARS AGO

(From the "China Mail" files.)

June 19, 1915.

The United States reply to Germany in connection with the sinking of the "William Fyfe" refuses to accept the German contention that an American ship carrying contraband of war may be destroyed providing Germany pays compensation.

A violent artillery duel is proceeding north of Arras. We are continuing our advance in Alsace, taking many prisoners and equipment.

The Italians are methodically continuing the demolition of Malborghetto. Austrian artillery has been silenced.

In Galicia, the Russians have evidently withdrawn to a prepared line on the River Tenev and a line on the Grodek Lakes.

During the past nine days, 400,000 German first-line troops from the Eastern Front have passed through Belgium with the apparent object of meeting the French pressure.

During the last three days, 100,000 men, kept in reserve, have been rushed into the trenches at La Bassée and Ypres as a result of a British surprise attack.

RED CROSS GIFTS

London, To-day.

Gifts to the British Red Cross include £1,100 from the Falkland Island branch for two ambulances and £2,000 from the Mayor of Fredericton, New Brunswick, on behalf of the citizens.—British Wireless.



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LAI TSUN PROVE WORTH; WIN TWO OPEN RELAYS

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SOME WATERPOLO SUGGESTIONS FOR SOUTH CHINA

By "Natator"

DURING THE WEEK-END Chinese Bathing Club and South China Athletic Association held successful galas at North Point before capacity crowds of over a thousand on both nights. The former function was in aid of the B.W.O.F. and Relief for Chinese Wounded Soldiers.

Although many entries were withdrawn, much good swimming was provided, resulting in thrilling finishes.

Lai Tsun Swimming Association proved themselves, when they won the open relay races on both nights.

Chinese Bathing Club started the programme with the 300 metres medley relay, in which teams from the Lai Tsun Association, Chung Shing and the C.B.C. participated. Owing to the non-appearance of one of the swimmers from South China, their entry was withdrawn. Poon Wing-kai, Lai Tsun backstroke, hit the 25 metre turn out first, and, although fouling the lane-guides after the 50 metre turn, managed to maintain the lead. Yeung Tat-fun of the C.B.C. had a bad start and never recovered.

Lai Tsun, with Fong Chung-yue and Chan Chun-nam following for the breast-stroke and free-style, kept the lead to win in 4 mins. 2-1/5 secs., with C.B.C. following close behind to finish second.

Upsetting all expectations, C.B.C. for some reason or other did not field their regular team, entering second-fiddle seal, Yeung Tat-fun, instead of Chan Kai-him, and relying too much on the Chan brothers, Enrique and Robert, to carry the burden of the race. Another absentee from their line-up was former Colony champion, Chan Wai-kai.

As predicted Lee Po-luen from South China won the Ladies' 100 metres breast-stroke, open to the Colony, with Miss Cheung Pui-chun (C.B.C.) and Miss Au Mei-chuen (S.C.) finishing second and third respectively.

Lee Po-luen, whom I commented upon in my notes three weeks ago, has made the progress I expected of her, and, in view of the show she put up, should figure prominently in future local competitions.

Miss Au also has definite possibilities and together with Miss Cheung, swim a very creditable race.

Owing to the fact that there were 17 entries for the Pressmen's race, and as time did not permit heats to be swum off, lots were drawn to determine the participants. This was perhaps most unfortunate for those who were excluded, but under the circumstances, this was the best step.

Wong Sau-san (Yuet Wa Press) won the event easily in the fair time of 70 seconds, having little competition from the others. Until a few years ago, Wong was considered one of the best Chinese sprinters in the Kwangtung Province, and represented the Kwangtung Sun Tai Swimming Club in competitions. Fong Wah (Sing Tao Press) also gave a fair account of himself in the same race, finishing second in 73-4/5 secs.

An outstanding feature of the gala which deserves favourable comment is the excellent manner in which the handicapping was conducted in the Boys' and Girls' 50 metres Handicap. Of the 11 starters, all but one finished within three yards of the winner, Choy Shiu-kwan, who did the distance in 73-3/5 secs., followed by Ho Wai-tak (74 secs) and Ho Wai-han (75-1/5 secs.).

The gala concluded with a water polo game in which the home team beat

a team from Chinese Y.M.C.A. by the odd goal in three. Chung Shing, who were originally down to play C.B.C., were unable to turn up, and Chinese "Y" agreed to play in their stead. The game, which was refereed by Harold Winglee, was carried on at a fast pace, and although the Chinese "Y" did not have the experience of their opponents, they made up for their deficiency with their fast swimming.

Under the guidance of Soong Yiu-tak, former Canton Aquatic star, and all-round athlete, "Y" drew first blood when Chan Kam-fui scored the only goal in the first half from a scuffle in which the Chinese custodian was caught napping. Fighting against a one-goal deficit in the second half, C.B.C. proved their experience, and tallied twice through right-winger, Yeung Tat-fun, whose second goal was volleyed from an almost impossible angle.

C.B.C.—Po King-fook, Chan Yuet-fat, Wong Kam-lok, Kwok Fung-shun, Yeung Tat-fun (2), Fong Chung-yue and C. L. Wong, Chinese "Y"—Soo Pak-fai, "Darkey" J. Hawk, Yeung Yui-wa, Soong Yiu-tak, Chan Kam-fui and K. K. Chan.

South China Gala

In the South China gala on Sunday, the open 150 metres Medley Relay Race was a close affair with the Lai Tsun Swimming Association repeating the success of the night before. Start-off artist, Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun) once again proved his worth by timing his start perfectly, thus gaining an extra yard on his rivals, Yeung Yui-wa (Ching Wing Team) and Shek Kam-pui (South China).

Given a lead of three yards, Fong Chung-yue (Lai Tsun) had no difficulty in keeping in front to enable Tsang Cheung-ming, last man, finish the relay in the good time of 1 min. 46 secs.

Chan Wing-kai (Ching Wing) snatched second place from Chan Cheong-tim (South China) in the last 20 metres, the times being 1 min. 47-1/5 secs. and 1 min. 48 secs. respectively. "B" teams from Lai Tsun and Ching Wing also participated, with the Lai Tsun "B" finishing fourth.

On Friday I had occasion to witness a practice water polo game between the South China Seniors and Juniors, and I was most impressed by the "fight" put up by the latter. However, ignorance of the rules spoilt the play to some extent. The most notable infringements were splashing in the face of an opponent and swimming before the whistle.

I would suggest that the coach devote one night to a lecture on the rules of water polo, preferably on a night when the tide is too low to play ball.

This lesson, I believe, would be most welcome to beginners. Another suggestion in instructing the novice would be to call out the fouls as and when they occur in practice games, as there have always been too many arguments due to ignorance of rules, when players are penalised. Whilst on this point, I would like to remind players that the referee's decision is final.

The various fouls and penalties would then be gradually understood, and once this has been achieved, the standard of play is bound to improve.

ROYAL SCOTS V.R.C. AQUATICS

Royal Scots swimming team will entertain Victoria Recreation Club in a series of exhibition swimming events

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

DURING the week-end Royal Engineers were seen in action against the "Newgate Blues" in the Queen's Road Swimming Bath. This bath is, by the way, still without water polo

Water Polo nets or even any signs of their impending arrival. I understand, that Royal Scots have prepared some temporary nets for the visit of the V.R.C. water polo team this evening. The absence of nets made the match between the Sappers and Service Corps a very difficult affair from the point of view of both the players and referee. The match was scrappy and the same old disease "ignorance of rules" was very evident and unfortunately the referee suffered from it too!

Rifle Shoot AN Army team defeated a Hong Kong Police team by one point in a triangular shoot, in which Royal Naval Dockyard Rifle Club were the other participants. Capt. Le Seelleur and Colour Sergeant Hale tied for the highest aggregate score of the match with 98. Their nearest

opponents for the highest score were two of the Police Team. Bandmaster Kifford returned 95 and Lieut. Otway followed him with 94. Sergt. Nunn and R.S.M. Maslem, were the other two members of the team and they returned 92 and 87 respectively. The Army Team's grand total was 564. The match was at Taikoo Range.

Baseball THOSE who want to see the Royal Engineers' baseball team in action against Hong Kong Baseball Club on Sunday, will agree with me that there was a great improvement on previous efforts, so much so in fact that they were within an ace of getting their first League points. George Denyer, "Flash" Ratcliffe and "Freddy" were all in fine form and were mighty pleased at the close run they had given their opponents.

Tennis Pairings AT the top of the Army League pairings we have Colonel Smith and Major Harrison, of the Medicals, and Sergt. Emberson and Duffield of the Ordnance. These two pairs turn out

extraordinarily consistent tennis and not long ago I suggested that both pairs should be included in the Army Tennis Club "B" League Team. In Junior Division the first two pairs are from Royal Engineers—Q.M.S. Rivett and S/Sgt. Quinell, and Sgt. Spencer and Cpl. Shaw. This is not surprising after the recent results the Sappers have been turning in. The last four results have been 7-2, 8-1, 9-0 and 9-0, all in favour of the Sappers.

Tennis Matches THE Service Corps recently met the Ordnance Corps in both Divisions of the Army League; in each case the decision went to the "Storemen". In the Senior match the "Newgate Blues" failed in every set. The only opposition came from Martin and Gibbs. Emberson and Duffield had no difficulty in winning their sets; in fact, they only conceded 4 games in all three sets. In the junior match Ordnance did not have it quite so much their own way, winning by 6 sets to three. "Tich" Adams and "Pinky" Tucker, did not seem to be able to make any headway at all and were only able to win one game in three sets. Peters and Harding were in form for the "Storemen" and had no difficulty in winning three sets, and Hunter and Cooper only lost to Martin and Gray, who were the best of the Service Corps players. In another Second Division match the Sappers had no difficulty of disposing of 24th Bty. R.A. by 9 sets to nil. Capt. Bird and Capt. Martin took things very easily but were always able to win comfortably, as were Rivett and Quinell. Also in the Second Division, 8th Bty. R.A. scored a surprise victory over Royal Scots by 6 sets to 3. Roche and Maynard (R.A.) carried all before them by determined play, refusing to let their opponents settle down at all. Jenkins and Gilray put up a good show for the Royals and they had to fight hard for the two games they won. Some good tennis was seen in the First Division match between The Medicals and 12th R.A.

Colonel Smith and Major Harrison were in splendid form and showed that they are really too good for this standard of tennis. Sgt. Webb was partnered by Cpl. Milne and showed some improvement over recent performances. Scould and McHarty won the only set out of nine for the Gunners.

Y.M.C.A. TO MEET COMBINED SERVICES

European Y.M.C.A. will hold another swimming gala on Saturday, June 29, when they will meet the Combined Services in a series of events which will include two relays and a water polo match.

Two invitation relay events are included in the programme, for men and women.

The following is the programme, and European Y.M.C.A. representatives:

50 yards free-style:—F. A. Weller and E. W. Ralston. Reserve, Peter Wilson.

150 yards medley-relay:—B. S. Wilson (back), A. Dodd (breast), G. T. May (free-style). B team:—C. Goldman (back), F. A. Weller (breast) and G. Saunders (free).

100 yards free-style:—G. Arnold and L. A. Benn.

Women's 200 yards free-style invitation relay:—European Y.M.C.A. (to be selected from Miss E. Grant, Miss D. Craig, Miss I. Mann, Miss B. Sullivan, Mrs. N. Jordan and Mrs. Smythe) v Victoria Recreation Club, Chinese Bathing Club and South China Athletic Association.

50 yards breast-stroke:—A. Dodd and Peter Wilson.

50 yards back-stroke:—B. S. Wilson and C. Goldman.

300 yards free-style relay (25, 50, 75, 50, 25):—Peter Wilson, K. Meffan, G. T. May, D. Dedear, L. A. Benn, G. Saunders, F. A. Weller. Reserves, L. H. Chater, E. W. Ralston, C. Goldman.

Diving. (One plain and optional off low board, same off high board):—G. Saunders and C. Goldman.

Men's 200 yards free-style invitation relay:—Victoria Recreation Club, Lai Tsun Swimming Club, Chinese Bathing Club and South China Athletic Association.

Water polo:—European Y.M.C.A. v Combined Services, Y.M.C.A. will be represented by H. Eardley, L. A. Benn and L. H. Chater; E. W. Ralston; B. Goldman, C. Goldman and G. T. May. Reserves, F. Wills, A. Dodd, L. Beattie.

Gala Cancelled

The swimming gala arranged for this evening between European Y.M.C.A. and the third party of Australian naval swimmers, has been unavoidably cancelled.

LEAGUE TENNIS

KOWLOON TONG STRONG CHALLENGERS FOR TITLE

Three Extremely Well-Balanced Pairs

BILLY YU A PLAYER WITH GREAT PROMISE

IN CONTRAST TO SOME of the weather in which League tennis of this season has been played, the "B" Division programme was yesterday played under ideal conditions.

In all, five matches were played and, although the heavy defeat of Craigengower Cricket Club might be considered something of a surprise, for the most part all results were as expected.

Three leading teams in the Division—Chinese Recreation Club, South China and Kowloon Tong—all won with something to spare and yesterday served to further confirm the fact that the title is certain to rest between these teams.

Entertaining Hong Kong Cricket Club, C. R. C. were much too good for their visitors and only conceded two half points, Sewell and Bathurst and Barton and Jowitt being the successful pairs.

South China had no difficulty against Civil Service and did not concede a set, while Recreation dropped one set to each of the Craigengower pairs to eventually win 6-3.

Army continue to show improvement, after difficulties early in the season of working out their best possible line-ups, and they secured another notable victory yesterday when they beat Indian Recreation Club, assisted by Omar Rumjahn, by six sets to three.

Capt. Loch and Sgt. Webb were in great form for the soldiers and won all three sets, while Col. Smith and Capt. Hyde did well to win two.

GOOD STANDARD

Although Kowloon Tong beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 7 sets to 2 at Cox's Road, the standard of tennis was much better than the scores would suggest. Gray, brought into the team in place of Anderson who was unable to play, was rather a long time in settling down but played some good shots although his combination with Grose, who was his usual steady self, left much to be desired.

George White and "Sonny" Capell played much better than usual and did very well to draw with Yu and Fletcher. Mackay and Broadbridge, however, although they both played some good strokes on occasion, were too erratic to meet with any success.



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The visitors proved a well-balanced outfit and should do well against the stronger teams in the division. There is little difference in the standard of the three pairs and this factor alone is bound to bring them success.

Henry Lin and T. E. Ling gave an impressive display. Lin has a wide array of polished strokes, and Ling uses a fast, if somewhat erratic, forehand with some effect. Both men served very well.

Frank Kwok, the left hander who prior to this season has turned out for C.R.C., used a powerful forehand drive to advantage and hit his volley very hard, while Lam Kwan was very quick about the court and volleyed consistently.

Probably the most promising of the Kowloon Tong players is B. Yu. A young player, Yu has a really first-class service and his knowledge of courtcraft is excellent.

Fletcher, his partner, has made great strides since last season and was very steady yesterday.

The courts were in good condition, although a trifle slippery, and the match was thoroughly enjoyable.

C.C.C. v C.D.R.

At Happy Valley, Craigengower C.C. lost to Club de Reccreio by six sets to three.

G. Lai and H. N. Wong (C.C.C.)

beat A. M. Rodrigues and C. A. Barretto 7-5

lost to M. A. Oliveira and W. A. Red 3-6

lost to F. J. Remedios and B. T. Gosano 3-6

A. Kitchell and H. Y. Leung (C.C.C.)

beat Rodrigues and Barretto 6-3

lost to Oliveira and Reed 0-6

lost to Remedios and Gosano 4-6

H. K. Lee and J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.)

lost to Rodrigues and Barretto 3-6

beat Oliveira and Reed 6-4

lost to Remedios and Gosano 5-7

A.T.C. v I.R.C.

At Sookunpoo, Indian Recreation Club lost to Army Tennis Club by six sets to three.

D. Razack and A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.)

lost to Col. Smith and Captain Hyde 0-6

lost to Capt. Loch and Staff Sgt. Webb 4-6

beat Capt. Tomlinson and Col. Holmes 6-3

O. Rumjahn and I. Kitchell (I.R.C.)

beat Smith and Hyde 6-4

lost to Loch and Webb 2-6

beat Capt. Tomlinson and Col. Holmes 6-3

A. Rahmin and S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.)

lost to Smith and Hyde 4-6

lost to Loch and Webb 4-6

lost to Tomlinson and Holmes 4-6

C.R.C. v H.K.C.C.

The Chinese Recreation Club beat the Hong Kong Cricket Club by 8 sets to 1.

D. C. Luk and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.)

beat A. H. Barwell and J. S. Theobald 6-3

beat W. M. Barton and W. H. Jowitt 6-4

drew with G. W. Sewell and E. Bathurst 6-6

K. C. Ng and P. F. Choy (C.R.C.)

beat Barwell and Theobald 6-2

beat Barton and Jowitt 6-3

beat Sewell and Bathurst 6-3

F. K. Lau and S. Cheung (C.R.C.)

beat Barwell and Theobald 6-4

drew with Barton and Jowitt 6-6

beat Sewell and Bathurst 6-4

S.C.A.A. v C.S.C.C.

At King's Park, South A. A. beat Civil Service Cricket Club by nine sets to nil.

S. C. Dew and K. H. Ip (S. C. A. A.)

beat I. and B. Agaturoff 7-5

beat W. J. Skinner and D. Hollidge 6-0

beat J. Wardle and E. Hendrick 6-0

W. T. Lee and W. C. Ho (S.C.A.A.)

beat I. and B. Agaturoff 6-4

beat Skinner and Hollidge 6-1

beat Wardle and Hendrick 6-1

B. Szeto and W. H. Ho (S.C.A.A.)

beat I. and B. Agaturoff 6-4

beat Skinner and Hollidge 6-4

beat Wardle and Hendrick 6-1

League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	3	3	0	0	22	5	6
K.T.G.C.A.	3	3	0	0	19½	7½	6
C.D.R.	4	3	0	1	20	16	6
C.R.C.	2	2	0	0	15	3	4
C.C.C.	3	2	0	1	17½	9½	4
A.T.C.	4	2	0	2	19½	10½	4
K.C.C.	4	1	0	3	11½	24½	2
I.R.C.	3	0	0	3	8½	18½	0
H.K.C.C.	3	0	0	3	5½	21½	0
C.S.C.C.	3	0	0	3	5	22	0

ARMY TENNIS

Two Second Division Army League tennis matches were played off at Sookunpoo yesterday, when the 5th A.A. Battery, Royal Artillery and the Royal Army Service Corps beat Royal Scots and 36th Battery, Royal Artillery, respectively.

R.S. v. 5TH A.A.

The Second Battalion, Royal Scots, lost to 5th A.A. Battery, Royal Artillery, by 7 sets to 2.

C.Q.M.S. Graham and C.Q.M.S. Green (R.S.)

lost to Capt. Mills and Sgt. Simpson 3-6

lost to Lieut. Whittaker and Sgt. Coughlin 5-7

lost to Edr. Fiddy and Bdr. Barroclough 1-6

Sgt. Taylor and L/Cpl. Downing (R.S.)

lost to Mills and Simpson 5-7

lost to Whittaker and Coughlin 2-6

beat Fiddy and Barroclough 10-8

Pte. Jenkins and Pte. Gilroy (R.S.)

lost to Mills and Simpson 5-7

lost to Whittaker and Coughlin 2-6

beat Fiddy and Barroclough 6-2

R.A.S.C. v. 36 R.A.

Royal Army Service Corps beat 36th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, by 5 sets to 4, who received three conceded games from the latter team.

S.Q.M.S. Bannister and S/Sgt. Iggleaden (R.A.S.C.)

lost to Mills and Thompson 2-6

lost to Geedenough and Wadridge 1-6

L/Cpl. Sheridan and Pte. King (R.A.S.C.)

beat Mills and Thompson 6-3

beat Geedenough and Wadridge 6-4

L/Cpl. Moore and Pte. Adams (R.A.S.C.)

lost to Mills and Thompson 3-6

lost to Geedenough and Wadridge 5-7

K.C.C. v KOWLOON TONG

At Cox's Road, Kowloon Cricket Club lost to Kowloon Tong Garden City Association by seven sets to two.

P. Grose and S. A. Gray (K.C.C.C.)

drew with Frank Kwok and Lam Kwan 6-6

beat Henry Lin and T. E. Ling 6-2

lost to Billy Yu and P. Fletcher 4-6

N. A. E. Mackay and R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)

lost to Kwok and Lam 1-6

lost to Lin and Ling 4-6

lost to Yu and Fletcher 3-6

G. A. White and R. S. Capell (K.C.C.)

lost to Kwok and Lam 2-6

lost to Lin and Ling 2-6

drew with Yu and Fletcher 6-6

To-Day's Matches

The following is to-day's "C" Division League tennis programme and some teams—

C.D.R. "B" v A.T.C.

H.K.P.S.A. v C.D.R. "A"

H.U.T.C. v C.R.C.

S.C.A.A. v C.B.A.

J.R.C. v K.T.G.C.A.

K.C.C. v K.I.T.C.

C.D.R. "A":—G. A. and H. A. Noronha;

A. M. Silva and H. M. Goncalves; A. E. Noronha and J. C. Fonseca.

C.D.R. "B":—M. A. Guterres and R. M. Soares;

J. M. Gosano and C. A. Marques;

N. A. Beltrao and T. M. S. Rozario.

A.T.C.:—D. Adam and A. Murray;

H. Boocock and A. Martin;

J. J. Duffield.

J.R.C.:—A. R. Poliah and M. Talan;

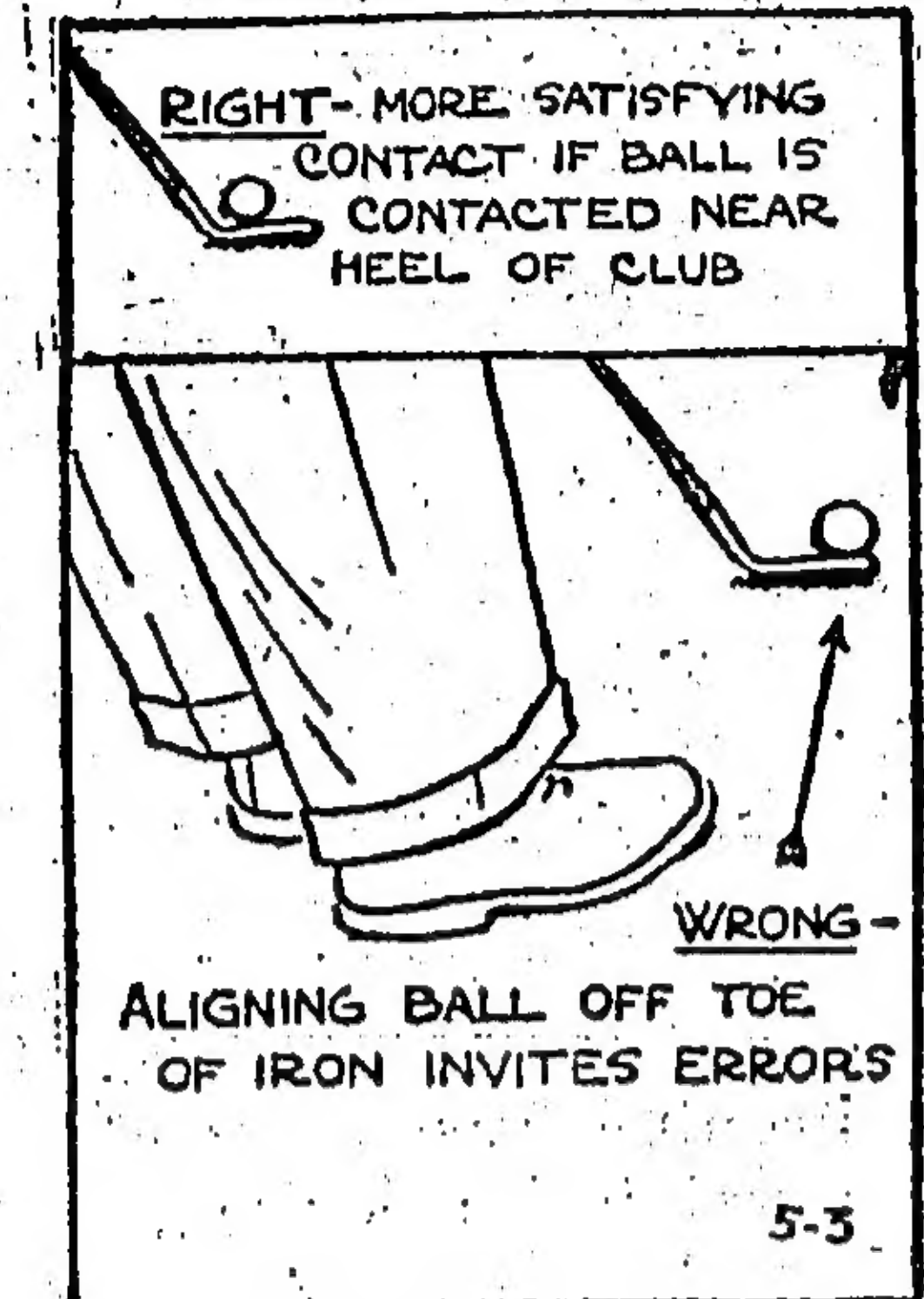
H. Joseph and W. J. Ciprin;

H. Talbot.

C.B.A.:—F. Angus and G. H. Fowler;

D.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Clubface And Ball

By BEST BALL

The average golfer is so content to hit the ball that he regards the niceties of striking the sphere, at a certain predetermined spot on the clubface, as a little beyond his capability. The matter of swinging smoothly and keeping the clubhead aligned at right angles to the ball is regarded as enough of an assignment. However a bit of attention to the problem will show that this impact item can not only be added to the stroke consideration with a minimum of trouble but helps in making the correct stroke.

If the ball is aligned off the toe of an iron for instance, the player may have been standing just a bit too far away from the ball for precise swinging. To make up the distance he may have to sway forward or contort the body in a way that destroys stroking efficiency. Furthermore the toe of the iron has not the solid backing behind it that has that area nearer the heel and the ball is likely to be less powerfully struck. Stand so that the ball is lined up off centre toward the heel and both the swing and the impact will be more satisfactory.

Next Article:—Lining Up The Putt.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

KOWLOON TONG

The following have been chosen to represent Kowloon Tong in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

Second Division (v Hong Kong C.C. Away):—N. A. E. Mackay, H. Y. Hsu, H. Gittins and A. H. Basto (Skip); Y. H. Tang, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (Skip); H. A. Castro, A. E. H. Castro, W. J. Howard and A. J. Kew (Skip).

H.K.E.R.C.

The following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club:

Third Division (v H.K.C.C., Home):—H. S. McKay, V. Sorby, J. F. Lunny and A. F. Paul (Skip); A. P. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, S. Deacon and J. K. Sloan (Skip); W. Stoker, W. E. Macfarlane, G. T. Padgett and G. S. Thomson (Skip).

Reserve:—R. F. Gregory.

PAIRS TOURNEY RESULT

L. J. Silva and J. Ribeiro beat C. Hircocock and T. M. Pile in the open Pairs championship yesterday at K.B.G.C. by 16-15 on an extra head.

T. Smith and J. Sloan; S. A. Fowler and N. Whitley.

S.C.A.A.:—H. K. Ho and N. K. Ma; W. S. Lee and H. C. Kwok; C. L. Lau and T. K. Leung.

K.I.T.C.:—S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain; F. Khan and H. M. Singh; G. M. Khan and G. Singh.

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APOLOGY.

On the 12th of June, 1940, we published a report dealing with the closure of Italian businesses in Hong Kong, at the conclusion of which we stated as follows:—

"The other business firms run by the Italians such as and Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., are also being watched and closed by the Authorities."

We hereby admit and agree that Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd., registered in England, and its subsidiaries, Marconi (China) Ltd., registered in Hong Kong, and Marconi International Marine Communication Co. Ltd., registered in England, are British companies entirely managed and controlled by British subjects and are not in any way whatsoever Italian businesses or managed or controlled by Italians. We also admit that there is no truth whatsoever in the statement that these companies are being watched and closed by the Authorities.

We hereby tender our deep apologies to these Companies for these false and damaging statements and unreservedly withdraw such statements.

We also deeply regret that any such statement should have appeared in our papers.

KUNG SHEUNG YAT PO

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TIN KWONG PO

On the 11th. June, 1940, we also published a report dealing with Italy's entry into the war and the position of Italian businesses in Hong Kong, at the conclusion of which we stated as follows:—

"There have been many Italians doing business in Hong Kong. One of the larger business firms is Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. which has announced the closure of its business."

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt told the press yesterday he believed the United States would undoubtedly adopt some form of government service affecting all youths regardless of class.
He added it might not be military service in the strict sense of the word.—Havas.

SPOKE HASTILY

Reuter quotes President Roosevelt as saying that when he recently praised a newspaper leader recommending universal military training he spoke hastily and he was really thinking of military training in the broad sense—training men who would be fighting behind the lines in factories, munition works and in the maintenance of necessary resources.

"NUMBER THREE" IN TRIAD SOCIETY

Six months' hard labour was imposed on Wong Kam, 21, by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning for being a member of a "Triad Society."

Inspector Carey said that a paper, showing he was the third "high official" of the "Society," was found in accused's possession.

SPAIN AND HOLY SEE TAKE PART

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Bordeaux, To-day.

Spain and the Holy See are acting as intermediaries between France and Germany and France and Italy, respectively.

The fact that Marshal Petain served as Ambassador in Madrid made it possible for neutral Spain to act between the two groups of belligerents.

The role of Spain is not that of mediator. Nor is that of the Holy See.

However, it must be noted that the Pope declared his readiness to intervene at the right moment for "a Christian and just peace."

The French Foreign Minister, M. Baudoin, stressed that all attempts of Marshal Petain to stop the fighting cannot succeed unless the conditions offered are "honourable," meaning "if the spiritual liberty of France" is not sacrificed. France wants to preserve her freedom.—Havas.

BRITAIN'S PETROL SUPPLIES

London, To-day.

The present position of Britain's supplies of petrol was described in the Commons yesterday by the Secretary for Petroleum as "very satisfactory." Mr. Lloyd said he did not therefore propose to make a further reduction in petrol allowances.—British Wireless.



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London, To-day.

The French radio announcer stated this morning that a reply from Germany and Italy had not yet been received, and added there might be a delay of many hours yet. He said it was possible to say that at the present hour some of the extreme points of the German advance mentioned in last night's communique had already been passed.—Reuter.

Malta, To-day.

Thirty-seven civilians were killed in the air raids during the first week of the war with Italy, including ten women and nine children under 16 years of age.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Mr. Winston Churchill's speech is applauded by all sections of the British press this morning.

The "Daily Telegraph" describes the message as abating not one jot of heart or hope, adding the spirit of the country will respond with a more intense energy and a sterner determination.

We used to speak of a soldiers' battle. This will be a people's battle. Only by the discipline, energy, public spirit and commonsense of the whole people will victory be won. We have before us a battle of morale and will power. Our past promises us we shall win it.

The "Daily Express" hails what it calls a fine, courageous speech with no rhetoric, weighing evenly the chances now that we are alone. That is all we want to know. No man and woman in this country expects more. We are sick of being doped. We would rather face an issue of reasonable hope that means something more than boasts that are hollow and idle. After reading Mr. Churchill's speech the mood of the people will be behind their great leader. They will challenge the enemy to come and try it on the English. For they will never yield one blade of grass of this green island.

The "Daily Mail" says it was an admirable speech, well reasoned, moderate and to the point. People don't want empty rhetoric now.

The "Daily Herald" says that, coolly surveying the prospects, the Prime Minister gave us reasons for confidently hoping we can beat off an attempted invasion this summer. He based these hopes not on blind faith in Britain's invincibility but on a sober examination of the facts.

"The Times" declares Mr. Churchill drew up a balance sheet and found we are still strategically solvent. Referring to the Air Force, the paper says in no department of the war is it more certain that every day successful defence means progress first towards material equality and then superiority and last to complete victory.

The "Daily Mail" demands conscription for the entire nation and says the British people are alive with eagerness to serve. They don't want to be asked to work. They want to be ordered to their posts.—Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

By 338 votes to 8 the House of Representatives yesterday approved legislation virtually declaring the United States would vote to uphold the Monroe Doctrine. The legislation does not mention any country but Congressmen obviously were mindful of Germany. Previously the House rejected by 104 votes to 83 an amendment stating "that in wars between the European powers in matters relating to themselves we have never taken any part nor does it comport with our policy to do so."—Reuter.

London, To-day.

After being engaged by British fighters, a German bomber crashed in Essex in flames last night. Another enemy plane crashed on the Norfolk coast after British fighters had gone up.

The air raid alarm was sounded in Yorkshire and North-East coast towns.

Successive waves of aircraft, believed to be enemy bombers, were seen to be coming from the east for over an hour after the air raid alarm was sounded at about midnight on the Yorkshire coast. The waves consisted of about five planes each.

The warning lasted for over four hours, but it is not known whether there was any damage in this district.

A third enemy plane was seen to burst into flames and crash into the sea off the North-East coast.—Reuter.

An Order issued in a Government Gazette Extraordinary states: I, the Controller of Trade, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by regulation 50 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, with the consent of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government hereby prohibit the export except by licence under my hand or under the hand of an officer of my department on my behalf, of rice.

Washington, To-day.

Mr. H. L. Stimson, former Secretary of State, in a broadcast on the importance of the British Fleet to the safety of America, urged Americans to take immediate steps to reserve British sea power, which might yet save the world from Fascist domination.

Mr. Stimson suggested the immediate repeal of the Neutrality Act; the throwing open of U.S. ports and docks to British and French warships and merchant marine for repairs and refuelling; the sending to Britain of all supplies possible in American ships, under American convoy, if necessary; the provision of accommodation in the United States for the duration of the war for a large number of children and aged people from Britain, and some form of universal military service throughout America.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security announce that seven enemy bombers were downed last night. Enemy bombing raids were carried out in districts in Eastern England. Some four hours elapsed before the all clear was sounded. Anti-aircraft defences were in action and fighter aircraft went up to engage the enemy. Bombs were dropped in a number of districts in East Anglia, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire. Eleven civilians are known to have been killed and 14 injured. Most of the casualties were in one locality where bombs fell on a row of houses. No severe damage was done to any military objectives.—Reuter.

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